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scrutiny of the package's figures brought an angry reaction from Congressmen, particularly conservatives, as it appeared the White House was trying to balance the budget by tax increases

Doubts over Carter package

mics Correspondent on, March 18

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Chase Manhattan asserted

Chase Manhattan asserted that today's prime rate increase does not fully reflect the increased cost of the bank's funds "nor does it include any immediate additional costs resulting from the specific actions announced over the weekend". This statement and that by Citicorp point unmistakably to still higher prime rates.

white House budget figures provoked angry comments from conservative politicians and intense scrutiny on Wall Street. In January, the President announced public spending for the present fiscal year and the 1981 fiscal year combined of

1981 fiscal year combined of \$1,118,000m. It now appears that exactly the same total is reached from calculating the White House figures included in this weekend's new budget. The White House sharply underestimated its figures in January. Inflation and revised spending totals should have added \$6,000m to the present year's total and about \$9,500m to the 1981 fiscal year total. The new package cuts \$2,000m to the 1981 fiscal year total. The new package cuts \$2,000m from the 1980 budget outlay and \$13,500m from 1981 spending—the newly-announced spending cuts do nothing more than offset precisely the revised increases in outlay in the original lanuary budget.

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tributions to the EEC to be

Mrs Thatcher confirmed that

Mrs Inatther communication if there were no change our net contributions to the budget would be £1,100m or more.

Last week, asked the same

question about withholding VAT

contributions by Mr James Cal-laghan, Leader of the Opposi-tion, Mrs Thatcher merely

tion, Mrs Thatcher merely replied that an unacceptable position had arisen and it was up to the Community to find

a solution.

The Labour leader told her that she had the support of the whole House in demanding a re-

whole House in demanding a reduction in our payments.
After the Dublin summit in December, Mrs Thatcher played down the measures available to Britain if we did not get

As recently as February 25 in a Panorana interview with Mr Robin Day, Mrs Thatcher said she was not really willing to consider withholding VAT

regaret Thatcher told maggie sand she mons yesterday that ment would be that

first quarter earnings "are expected to be down significantly".

The decline reflects "the current sussettled condition of the securities makes and the securities are securities. 533,000m—new tax measures of 515,000m plus higher tax recenues resulting from higher inflation than originally esti-

mated in January's budget. The Wall Street Journal, in a The Wall Street Journal, in a leading article today, suggested that a look at the numbers showed that the President's package, presented as a series of spending cuts, is a "fraud." Republican Congressmen are mounting a campaign attacking

the tax increases. The Democrats in the House of Representatives are planning assorted income and business tax-cutting plans to be financed by the \$13,000m in energy tax revenues from the remainder of the test and all of the 1021 this year and all of the 1981 fiscal year.

The delay at the White House in sending all budget details to Congress has infuriated Congressmen. As a result, there are moves on Capitol Hill to pro-mote a budget programme written entirely by Congress, ignoring the President's detailed plans. So there can be no sur-prise at the scepticism on Wall Street towards the latest White

House efforts. On the economic front, there was one more scrap of evidence that the new budget and Fed programme will push the economy into a slump. The Commerce Department reported cuts do nothing more than offset precisely the revised increases in outlay in the original

January budget.

Under these circumstances it

Commerce Department reported
that personal incomes rose by
just 0.3 per cent in February—
the smallest monthly gain since
July 1975, and less than January's increase of 0.8 per cent.

Community apart ".

Prime Minister.

Yesterday there was no mention of the legal difficulties nor any sign of much reluctance on the part of the

Michael Hornsby writes from

Brussels: Britain moved closer

to the brink of a total breach in its relations with the rest of the EEC as Lord Carrington,

the Foreign Secretary, gave a warning here today of "grave consequences" for the Community if the British budget

problem was not solved at the

next summit meeting of the

Britain is asking for a reduction of between £900m and £1,000m in its net contribution

to the budget, which is predic-

to the budget, which is predicted to reach at least £1,200m this year.

Lord Carrington told his EEC colleagues that the Government would not be satisfied with anything less than "very subtrantial thousess" towards.

substantial ingress" towards agreement on both the amount and the duration of financial

relief for Britain at the spring

summir meeting on March 31 and April 1.

While taking the view that it

while taking the view that it was always wrong to talk of Lord Carington none the less described the Brussels summit as "the moment when (the budget problem) has got to be solved."

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events", he said. 5 Thatcher's threat to hold back T in Brussels budget dispute

sports events into world-wide contributions because it would mean breaking Community law and she would be loathe to coverage. do that. She then added that the only other means open to the Government was to be "difficult in every single field and that would really tear the

Mr Cutler emphasized that th boycott issue was not the subject of today's meeting. "We all recognize the problem

"We feel a duty and we believe, in rime, others will feel a duty, to see what can be done for those athletes to provide them with equivalent world-class competitive opportunities and recognition." Each government and each national Olympic committee would have to make committee would have to make its own decision.

Schild: Photograph Mrs shown on television as her M Chirac's attack, page 7 appeal was broadcast.

Anti-Soviet nations draw up list of sites

Geneva, March 18

The international movement to boycott the Olympic Games

to boycott the Olympic Games
in Moscow is going to organize
a world sports festival for
athletes who decide not to go
to Russia, it was decided today.
The festival will, however, be
open to all and will be held after
the Moscow Olympics hut, as
Mallord Guilar special advicer Mr Lloyd Cutier, special adviser to President Carter, put it: "They would pose no threat to the future of the unitary Olym-

This, he said, was "a future to which all governments present at this meeting are as fully dedicated as any other governments in the world. They would not in any case, he counter not, in any sense, be counter-

Olympics. A dozen countries, at meetings organized by the United States, Britain and Australia, have drawn up a list of possible sites for top-class sporting events in August and September. The locations are being kept secret for a while.

kept secret for a while.

"What we have to do now, as a result of these meetings, is to get in touch with the various sporting organizations, some national, some international,". Mr Douglas Hurd the British representative and Minister of State at the Foreign Office said.

"We have divided up the

Office said.

"We have divided up the task. We all know, sport by sport, who has to talk to whom. We will compare notes again. when that particular process is finished."

If there was disappointment If there was disappointment at the sparse attendance from among the 25 countries who have been discussing alternative Olympics, the sponsors claimed "rather more progress than expected". They say that as many nations again are now considering whether to favour a boycott. a boycott.

"In some sports, opportu-"In some sports, opportunities are already on the post. Olympics schedule of internacional sporting events. In other sports, suitable opportunities can be arranged", Mr Cutler said. He added that the festival could be financed by the sale of television rights. the sale of television rights.

"We have had expert profes sional advice on the technical and financial aspects of tele-vision link-ups and on arrangements with sports authorities and promoters who would be responsible for conducting such

events", he said.

Mr David Wolper, the American relevision producer of "Roots" and the official film of the 1972 Munich Olympics, acted as technical adviser at the meeting.

He said he saw no problems in tying five or six different sports events into world-wide

Mr Wolper is a vice-chairman of the Los Angeles Organizing Committee which negotiated the sale of television rights for the 1984 Olympic Games.

that decisions not to attend the Moscow games would create for the athletes," he said.

Mrs Schild pleads with daughter's kidnappers in addition to that already made

Mrs Daphne Schild appealed on Italian radio today for the release of her daughter Anna-

Mrs Schild, her husband Mr Rolf Schild, and her daughter, who is deaf and dumb, were kidnapped from their holiday villa in Sardinia last August. Mr Schild was freed soon after-wards and Mrs Schild was released in January after a

ransom payment.

Mrs Schild said she could not believe that human beings would remain insensible to the desperate appeal of a mother,

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Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, at the scene of the fire yesterday.

Victims of hostel fire were trapped

By Nicholas Timmins Nine women died and three were injured when fire swept through a north London hostel run by nuns for homeless and destitute women early yester-

day morning.
Neighbours and firemen in breathing apparatus struggled to save the 21 occupants of the three-storey terraced house.

the three-storey terraced house. Eight women who were trapped on the top floor are presumed to have been overcome by smoke. A ninth died on the way to hospital.

Neighbours with ladders helped women down from the first floor windows, and firemen carried three to safety as flames swept through the building at about 5.30 am.

The hostel has been run by the Missionaries of Charity, fol-lowers of Mother Teresa of Cal-cutta, since 1974. But there was dispute yesterday about the hostel's precise status and whose job it was to enforce fire

Mr George Agathangelou, owner of the neighbouring La Rochelle hotel in Salisbury Road, Kilburn, who used his own extinguishers to fight the fire, said: "There were no fire presenting." regulations. precautions.

Mr Alan Marshall, assistant Mr Alan Marshall, assistant divisional officer with the London Fire Brigade, said: "There appears to be some ommission on fire precautions, and certainly there was no evidence of a fire escape from the building.

Brent council, which has used the hostel for short-term

used the hostel for short-term accommodation for destitute women on occasion, claimed that fiare precautions were the responsibility of the fire brigade.

A council spokesman said an application for change of use of the building fro morivate residence to hostel had been approver last year, on condition the accommodation was for 10

But a London Fire Brigade official said 22 heds were found in the burnt-out hostel, and police believe 21 women were resident.
The fire brigade said that

The tire brigade said that the building was not covered by the regulations governing horels and gust-houses, and fire precautions were the local authority's responsibility.

For its part, the Missiengries of the incident of the missiengries is the said of the missiengries. of Charity in a statement issued

of Charity in a sintement issued by their sister superior in Eng-land, Sister Marie Celline, said Brent council had granted per-mission for the continued use of the building as a hostel on language 8 this year. January 8 this year.
Brent Council said it had ad-'vised the sisters to talk to fire prevention officers to see that the hostel complied with the code of practice, and the Lon-

don Fire Brigade confirmed that recommendations bringing the bostel up to the standard for hotels, with means off es-cape, fireproof doors, and an enclosed staircase, had been sent to the sisters' architect on

But a spokesman for Sister Marie said these had not be an received and the architect was in Taiwan.

firent council promised an urgent inquiry into the situa-

ing Alan Preece, director of housing for Erent, said it was not the council's pulley to proper in short-stay accommandation without proper fite procautions, and that a survey had been started before wastendar's cautions, and that a survey had been started before yesterday's fire into the various voluntary groups, like the Missionaries of Charity, that the council occasionally used—in this case two or three times in the pastream.

"We have got to ensure that the accommodation is adequate

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Steel union leaders to consider third Tito blood party mediating in strike deadlock

By Paul Routledge,

Labour Editor. A proposal for a committee of

A proposal for a commutee of inquiry into the national steel strike, now in its 12th week, will be considered tonight by the all-union coordinating committee that is running the dispute.

The idea is to be put forward by leaders of the dominant Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and the National Union of Blastfurnacemen, whose joint executives yesterday went through the ritual of rejecting the British Steel Corporation's final offer of 14.4 per cent.

A committee of inquiry, which would recommend ways of reconciling the two sides, now seems the strongest runner of the many forms that third party intervention might take, if the deadlock is to be broken.

officials of the ISTC have been looking for some time at prospective independent chairmen who might head the inquiry, assisted by two nomi-

With the near-unanimous hacking of leaders of the blast-furnacemen and steelmen, the proposal must stand a strong chance of being adopted by the trade union coordinating committee of 10 members, which meets tonight to consider its

A committee of inquiry would val of BSC management, nor of the Government, recommendations would recommendations morally, rather than legally, binding.

The chances of such an instrument producing a rapid solution to the drawn-out dispute would depend on its terms of reference. BSC would almost certainly oppose any wideranging remit that ques-tioned the corporation's ability to run the industry.

If British Steel spurns the idea of an inquiry—as is

by the Pops on Sunday.

"We on our side have done everything you asked", she said. "We have sold everything

we had to pay the exorbitant sum agreed, trusting your word. "It is time that you also

respect your own word, also because, beyond any illusion

that might arise among all the

rumours and news put around in these days, we have no more

money nor possibility of obtaining any. My daughter is alone

for many months, in your hands.

Give her back to us and allow ber—she who has already suffered so much—to continue her young life."

nees, one from the unions and one from the corporation. This is regarded as more satisfactory than a single mediator.

With the near-unanimous backing of leaders of the blast

There is little guidance in the ISTC rule book on this issue, but a branch ballot issue, but a branch ballot might be mounted quickly to produce a vote supporting union policy and rejecting the corporation's pay and productivity package. The confederation has already booked advertising space in newsadvertising space in news-papers that circulate in the steel-making areas to pub-licize its view of the BSC news- | SIVE

proposals. A conference with 58 delerepresenting TGWU steelworkers yesterday voted unanimously to reject the BSC package offer put forward last week in return for demanning, job flexibility, and local pro-ductivity bargaining.

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worsens

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade, March 18
President Tito's condition,
stable for the post two days,
today took a further turn for the worse as the internal bleeding, especially in the stomach,

became heavier.
The increased bleeding is adding new complications to the intensive treatment which Mar-shal Tito has been receiving Today's medical report dis-closed a further deterioration in his condition caused by "exten-sive harmorrhage" in the stomach which, his doctors said, is the result of a general inclination towards internal bleeding. After a sudden setback in President Tito's recovery from

the amputation of a leg. his health has been slowly worsening. On February 14, he was for the first time reported to have reached a critical point, but the following day he responded to following day he responded to intensive treatment.

Nevertheless, it was then that the President reached the point

of no return.

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rnment has abandoned its n allow education authorities charges for school transport charges for school transport rejection by the House of r Mark Carlisle, Secretary of Education and Science, told tons that in their budgets ould have to find other ways g spending on education. He is no promise about what the he no promise about what the f his decision would be and I a request for the Govern-and the £20m or £30m needed Page 4

boll protest

er of Ayatollah Khomeini has bise claiming that there was an last Friday's parliamentary in a telegram to President Ayatoliah Morteza Passawid representatives of the ctions in his nome town of n central Iran, accusing them Page 8 ating voters

Ukrainian bishops called to Rome

There is speculation in Rome that the Pope might consider the recognition of a Parriarch to head the 2-million-strong Catholic Church of the Byzantine-Ukrainian Rite. Hitherto popes have withheld approval, presumably for fear of exacerbating the Soviet and Orthodox authorities. A synod of the rite in exile begins in Rome next Monday Page 7

Vale pits 'not needed'

An adviser to the Commons Select Committee on Energy told the inquiry into the National Coal Board's plan to mine in the Vale of Belvoir that the project was unnecessary in the light of falling energy demands and the board's failure to prove there were adequate markets for the coal under north-cest Leicestershire

Manx liberation

Moves towards greater independence for the Isle of Man are being closely watched by other island communities in Europe, particularly by Shetland, which sent a deputation there for exchange of information and experience

Cuba offer to break Bogota deadlock

Cuba is prepared to admit the guerrillas occupying the Dominican Republic Embassy in Bogota, their diplomat hostages and the 70 prisoners they want released. President Fidel Castro made the offer in a message to the Colombian Government Page 8 Maples rejects bid

Maples, the furniture stores chain renowned for its shop in Tottenham Court Road, London, rejected an 58.4m takeover bid from Waring and Gillow, the furniture and carpet retailer the furniture retailer Page 17

TUC apprehension TUC fears of legislation to make unions legally responsible for the actions of all their officials, right down to shop floor level, are disclosed in a confidenfloor level, are discussed in a common tial document to be discussed by union Page 2 leaders roday

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£1m refunded after 'unfair' credit deals Credit and rental companies have refunded more than film to customers

who have been treated unfairly, the Office of Fair Trading said. The compensation was an "unexpected spin-off" of issuing licentes under the Consumer Credit Act, 1974, a process much criticized in the past as a wasteful, bureaucratic procedure"

Operation Countryman: Mr Leonard Bunt remains in operational control and is expected to return to the investigation in midsummer

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TUC fears a law to hold unions responsible for officials? actions down to shop floor level

The TUC is apprehensive that trade unibus are to be made legally responsible for the ections of all their officials, right down to shop floor level.

That feac together with anxiety that the Government may make strike ballots comrullsory in legislation to follow the Employment Bill, comes out in a confidential policy paper to be discussed by union leaders today. leaders today.

It discloses that Mr Len Murray, TUC general Secretary, is to write to Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, putting on record the unions' willingness to discuss with ministers ways of improving industrial relations "pro-viding the Government drops its current proposals for legislative interference."

A draft of the letter is likely to be endorsed by the TUC's Employment Policy and Organization Committee this morning when union leaders assess their opposition to the Employment Eill now before

In the policy paper, the TUC says Mr Prior made clear on Murch 4 that the Government was determined to go ahead with the Bill as it is now constituted, and to introduce amendments on secondary

"He indicated that he was disappointed that it had not been possible to reach any mea-

Whitehall

marks time

By Our Labour Staff Civil Service union leaders

vesterday deferred a decision on whether to call industrial action over the Government's imposition of a cash limit to

control their pay increases this

General secretaries of the nine unions decided that because pay negotiations were so confused it would be wrong

to agree any policy on possible action. They will meet again

next Tuesday.

The Government last week

announced a 14 per cent cash

limit for pay increases linked with the loss of up to 20,000

jobs, which ministers see as a form of productivity. The cut in jobs means that the unions

are guaranteed a 16½ per cent increase, but that still falls short of their expectations of increases between 18 per cent and 20 per cent, which them

say are suggested by evidence from the independent say

Research Unit.
The two main Civil Service

unions, who between them represent more than half the

500,000 white collar civil ser-

vants, have received their first

offers in pay negotiations with

the Civil Service Department, but it will be several days be-

fore the unions and the depart-

ment negotiators arrive at an agreed interprepation

Only then will the unions be

for industrial action. One leader

saiq yesterday that the tfirst offer amounted to pennies a week for my members. It is nonsensical."

Airport workmen

The Clegg Commission on pay comparability yesterday recom-

mended increases of between £5

and £10 at week for manual workers at municipal airports

who are pressing for parity with employees of British Airways

The Government has accepted

£5 to £10 rises

By Our Labour Staff

awarded

Authority.

union

sure of agreement with the TUC "Ne general strike" about changes in the frame. Mutray said last night that he work of industrial relations was not planning a general legislation."

It was also apparent, the paper says, that he was under pressure from within his party to strengthen his proposals, perhaps making unions responsible for the actions of all their officials, including shop stewards, and by naking strike ballots compulsory.

"It therefore seems clear that by some time in the summer, the TUC will be faced by an Art of Parliament woicu severely limits trade union safeguards and curbs workers employment rights."

A policy response to this situation is being prepared for a future meeting of the TUC employment committee, but in the meantime the gederal coun-cil has decided that affiliated unions should not take up any of the 52m a year on offer from the Government to finance secret ballots once the Employment Bill becomes law.

In his letter to Mr Prior, Mr Murray will make clear that ballots are regarded as "valuable in appropriate circum-stances" and unions have conducted them for many years on a wide range of matters in accordance with their rules.

However, the money made available by an Act based on the Employment Bill will be spurned as part of the TUC's total opposition to the legislation.

the Government (the Press Association reports). "I would never be party to smashing up democratic government in this way." he said.

His comments came after two strike calls. On Monday the National Union of Railwaymen asked the TUC to urge all unions to strike on May 14 in

protest at the Government's economic policies. Earlier yesterday the executive of the National Union of Public Employees called on its 700,000, public service workers

to strike on that day.

Mr Murray said he was not planning a strike to bring down the Government, adding: "I do not think the British people would tolerate that for one moment. If we did that, we would not know what to do with the power we had got."

He was speaking during a recorded interview with Vin-cent Hanna for BBC 1's Plat-

form One programme.

But after the recording Mr
Murray told reporters that if
individual union leaders decided to organize a strike among their members on May 14, that was a matter for them-

May 14 was a day of "protest and action", and it was the right of any worker to take

Tory revolt building up over threat to benefits By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter

Expectations that the Governnent plans to make large cuts in social security expenditure in the Budget next week were increased last night by noncommittal replies from Mrs Margaret Thatcher in the

Though the Prime Minister hid behind the traditional convention that nothing is said which might impinge on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement, she sowed the seeds for a parliamentary storm.

The most serious effect for the Government is a threatened revolt among its own back-benchers. Some of them put a warning shot across the Chanwarning shot across the Char-cellor's bows last night by in-sisting that child benefit in-creases due in November should keep pace with inflation.

The indications are that the increase will be limited to 75p, which will fall short of the rise in the cost of living. On top of that, the Prime Minister did not deny speculation that earnings-related supplementary benefits would be abolished.

By Staff Reporters

because of the steel strike.

criticized for its inability to

Last night the BSC said: "In

mid-December we were in-

corporation had not been awarded this contract due to un-

certainty about the ability to supply the right quality steel, lu-present circumstances it is im-possible to dispute the custo-mer's decision as tight delivery

dates were vital to the con-tract." The threat of a steel

strike was apparent early in

The loss o fvaluable business

to overseas suppliers is now a real cancero to the BSC, which will face a big battle in clawing

Jobs threatened

to unload stocks

Transport and General Workers' Union members at a

private company refused yes-terday to unload steel that had

been released from British Rail depots in the West Midlands

order of the High Court.

About 200 tonnes, part of

consignment of 500 tonnes, was put on 13 British Rail lorries from Wolverhampton and Brier-ley Hill depots. The steel has been held there since early in

the dispute. Yesterday it was back where it started after a

round trip of between six and

The jobs of 145 workers are

pow threatened at Howard E. Perry and Company of Willenhall, which is port of the

hall, which is part of the German Klockner group. Mr

Ernst Pleyer, managing direc-tor, said later that layoffs

would have to be considered

As 200 steelworkers formed a

picket outside the Perry pro-cessing and stockholding plant

the British Rail lorries waited half a mile away. The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation picket included men from South Yorkshire, Corby and South Wales and was faced by

about 80 policemen. Two men

Eight fishermen were rescued

from a liferaft by a cargo ship yesterday after their Inverness-

Fishermen rescued

by refusal

By Arthur Osman

twenty miles.

were arrested.

December.

Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, sprang to the dispatch box on three occasions warning that it would be to the Government's lasting shame and a disgrace if it did not increase unemployment benefits in lint with inflation. with inflation

The size of the Tory revolt over child benefits runs deeper than shown in the division lobby lists. About 30 backbenchers lists. About 30 packurent lists. About 30 packurent lists held a private meeting earlier held a private meeting earlier this week when strong opposi-tion to the Government's rumoured plans were expressed.

For reasons of tactics and loyalty the majority did not support last night an amend-ment to the Social Security Bill which called for a £1.20 increase in November. But ministry have been informed privately that if there is not at least a minimum of £1 announced in the Budget, then the Government will have to reckon with a serious revolt.

Four of them communicated Four of them communicated this view to Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Chancellor of the Exchequer, at a meeting yesterday which lasted nearly an hour. They were: Mr William Waldegrave (Bristol, West) Mr Tristan Garel-Jones (Watford), Mr Robin Squire (Havering, Hornchurch), and Mr John Patten (Oxford).

They explained that anything less than a benefit increase that matched inflation would penalize the family, a prospect which ran counter to Conservative Party philosophy.

Equally embarrassing to the Government is the latest issue of Politics Today, published by the Conservative Central Office, which states that "child benefit has an important part to play in increasing wor!: incentives"

an increase in child benefit helps the employed family but not the unemployed family (because an increase in child benefit is matched by a corre-sponding reduction in unemployment or supplementary entitlement) '.

During Prime Minister's questions, Mrs Thatther refused to be moved by Mr Callaghan to confirm speculation about unemployment and child bene-

The Opposition Leader asked Mrs Thatcher to realize that the link between unemployment and the level of benefits was paramount importance to se likely to be put out of work by Government financial policy.

"Will she not give an undertaking", he said, "that child benefits will be increased by the relevant amount because otherwise, if they are not increased substantially, by the increase in prices, that will increase the disincentive for the unemployed to work?"

Mrs Thatcher retorted that Mr Callaghan had the worst record of unemployment. As to child benefits, Mr Callaghan must await the Budget. back the share of the United

Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition ship, Discovery, arriving at St Katharane's Dock yesterday, where she will join other historic ships, after an overhaul at Sheetaless, Ke

British Steel has lost to a Japanese steel producer a valucustomers.

The strike is entering its twelfth week, and reports from around Britain confirm an increasing trend for customers to establish new sources of supply, although the effects of the strike on the rest of manufacturing industry are not causing significant disruption, with the exception of the west Midlands.

Six John Methyen director. able order from British Petrol-eum for a North Sea pipeline BP has ordered 22,000 tonnes of large diameter pipe, worth about 17m, from Nippon Kokan Kaisba. It will be used in the company's Magnus field. The loss of the business is a particular blow to BSC, which for many years had been

Sir John Methyen, director general of the Confederation of meet specifications for large diameter pipe for the offshore industry and has developed production for that market at Hertlepool. British Industry, said last night that private sector consumers had managed to maintain production at virtually the same levels as before the strike. The latest CBI assessment suggested production of about 95.8 per cents.

Addressing CBI members on Yorkshire and Humberside he said that had been achieved by stockpiling and by management ingenuity but also by importing more steel and finished goods. But he gave a warning that one effect of the strike could be a permanent increase in steel im-

According to the CBI, industry's production levels have crept up over the past three than 6,000 jobs have been lost weeks and the return to work in the industry in the past six by private sector steelworkers, months, which does not take

By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter
The biggest rail union may reconsider the present "blacking" of steel movements by

its 180,000 members unless

more stringent efforts are made to halt steel traffic by road. That threat was made yes-terday by Mr Sidney Weigheil,

general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen. Mr Weighell has written to the and General

Transport and General Workers' Union and to the Iron and Steel Trades Con-

union's "very serious concern" that steel is still being moved

Rail's chief industrial relations

officer, wrote to Mr Weighell earlier this month emphasizing the loss of rail business to road

haulage during the steel strike.

The strike is costing BR about

f2m a week.

The NUR said that BR had told them that during the week

Mr Richard Wilcox, British

expressing the

federation

by road.

coupled with continued imports, had topped up stock levels.

In the Midlands, the CBI reported a noticeable deterioration in steel stocks over the past week and an increase in the number of companies re-porting difficulty in maintain. ing production. Some companies estimate they have only 16 to 14 days supply left, although others have stocks for two months.

A CBI official said: The picture could change, as it did a formight ago when to everyone's surprise steel supplies
actually eased." An estimated
3,200 workers have been laid
off in the region and as many
as 6,000 workers may be on
short time according to the

arrived at Perth docks yester-day too late to prevent a cargo of steel wire being landed from Germany. Workers there re-fused to black the steel.

In the North-west the effects of the steel strike are being cushioned to some extent by many engineering firms. More than 6,000 jobs have been lost

BSC loses £7m North Sea order to Japan Engineering Emp ation says the s had much impac

many more layoft some skutdowns a companies can be on Merseyside appling out the stre wood plant is band Vauxhall, Port, said that pro had been on or ab as 6,000 workers may be on every shirt inche region has the regional Department of Son Box Company ployment office.

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arrested outside Company at Lland Railmen 'concerned' about | Sir Richar

movement by road ending March 3 an estimated 61,000 tonnes of steel traffic, worth £188,686, had been lost by BR to the road haulage Out of the 200,000 tonnes of

steel consignments at present "impounded" in docks or in freight terminals, about 75,000 are imported steel. About three million tonnes of steel are normally imported each year. BR said yesterday that road hauliers who were taking steel business from them were in some cases insisting on at least medium-term contracts which might well inflict a permanent loss of business to rail freight Mr Weighell said yesterday : 'We shall have to review the position from day to day to see what happens. It is provoca-tive to our members baving this work pinched from under

their noses". The NUR has taken no steps so far to relax its instructions to members not to move steel,

Weather forecast and recordings

strike lead to admit d

Union leaders led their memi "disestrous mess them back to work Marsh said yester Brirish Iron and sumers' Council, s If managers sho leaders displayed ship they had infli have been dismiss

Correction The analysis of the The analysis of the Government's mot Olympic Games on given in The Timushowed Mr Paul I. servative MP for N. west, as having abste to voted for the Games of the Gordon Bagier, La Sunderland, South, the motion, not for

registered vessel sank about a mile off the Isle of Skye.

Among roads blocked were the A686, A689, and A66 in Cumbria, the A58, A648 and A57 in the Peak District, and the A640 Rochdale-Hudders-field road.

Snow up to 10 inches deep in places blocked the A57 Snake Pass and the A628 Woodhead

In Scotland high winds whipped snow into drifts and surface flooding made roads treacherous. Aberdeenshire, Berwickshire, Fife and West Lothian were all badly affected.

who ran the hostel discovered

the fire, which apparently started in a blanket cupboard up against the stairs in the front

The fire brigade was alerted at 5.40. The three bedrooms on

the top floor where the dead women were found were "just a shell", he said. "All you can see is bedsprings and burnt clothing everywhere." Five of

hall as she rose for prayers.

Heavy snowfalls and high were in force on the Forth and as they did in the floods of 15

M1 in Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire, and icy patches were reported in Dorser. Nearly two inches of snow fell around Dorchester in an hour. Dorset police said: "The snow was not forecast and caught us by surprise. The A35 was blocked for a time along

chass for a time".

Huge seas backed by winds gusting up to 65 mph battered the North Wales coast. At Snow ploughs opened the the North Wales coast. At A701 Moffat-Edinburgh road Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, waves

inches of water flooded the basement and firemen were called to pump it out. One had only just been redecorated and refitted, but staff managed

There was also flooding in Grimsby when a rainfall of 1.11 inches in 24 hours coincided with a high tide in the Humber. The river Freshney, which runs through the town, rose to within a foot of the top of its banks before the tide turned and the level began to drop. Firemen had to pump flood-

Today Sun rises: 7.06 am Moon rises: 8.46 am Sun sets: 7.12 pm Moon sets: 10.56 pm to pull up the new carpet in

First quarter: March 23. Lighting up: 7.42 pm to 6.33 am. High Water: London Bridge 4.22 am. 7.7m: 4.52 pm, 7.7m. Avon-month, 10.09 am, 14.5m; 10.26 pm, 14.0m. Dover, 1.17 am, 7.1m; 141 nm, 6.9m; Hull 8.57 am 1.41 pm, 6.9m. Hull, 8.57 am, 7.3m; 9.06 pm, 8.0m. Liverpool, 1.44 am, 9.9m; 2.03 pm, 10.2m. 1 foot=0.3048m 1m=3.2808ft.

Pressure will stay high to the N and low to the S of Britain. It will be generally cold and very Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, East Anglia, Miclands, Central, 5 and SE England; rather cloudy, a little sleet in places: occasional bright inter-vals; wind E, strong to gale; max temp 5° to 7°C (41° to 45°F). Central N and E England:
Bright intervals, a little snow in
places; wind E, strong to gale;
max temp 3', to 5''C (37" to 41"F). r, rain : s, sun : sl, sleet : an, snow ; th, thunder.

Channel Islands, SW England: Cloudy, rain or sleet in places; wind E. fresh increasing strong to gale; max temp 5° to 7°C (41° to 45°F).

Wales: Sanny intervals in W. cloudier with a little snow in E; wind E. strong to gale; max temp 4° to 5°C (39° to 43°F).

NW England, Lake District, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N. W. SW Scotland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Mostly dry with sunny periods; wind E.

or Man, Northern tretand: Mostly dry with sunny periods; wind E, strong to gale; max temp 3° ro 5°C (37° to 41°F).

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willty showers; wind E, strong to gale; max temp 3° to 4°C (37° to 39°F).

ME Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny periods, dry; wind E to SE, fresh; max temp 4° to 6°C (39° to 43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cold and windy. Further occasional rain or snow in S England and S Wales and N Scotland later.

Sea passages: S North Sec.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind E, strong to severe gale; sea very rough. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;



Strait of Dover : Wi

strong perhaps gale rough or very rough. St George's Chaun-to NE, strong to seve very rough.

Yesterday London: Temp: max pni, 8°C (46°F); mi 7 am, 2°C (36°F). pm, 83 per cent. Rai 7 pm. 0.15 in. Sun, 24 nil. Bar, mean sea i 1,010.6 millibars risin 1,000 millibars = 29.5

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It's out this week - featuring the massed chorus of BARRY HUMPHRIES, ALAN COREN. IRMA KURTZ, KEITH WATERHOUSE, KATHARINE WHITEHORN, PAUL JENNINGS. BASIL BOOTHROYD, MICHAEL HEATH, HUNTER DAVIES, DAVID TAYLOR, HANDELSMAN, ALAN BRIEN, SIMON HOGGART, MILES KINGTON, MAHOOD, JONATHAN SALE. McMURTRY, FAY MASCHLER, STAN GEBLER DAVIES, PLUS four pages of Spring Books reviewed by PAUL JOHNSON, BRIAN INGLIS, STANLEY REYNOLDS and JEFFREY BERNARD, PLUS all the regular features, EXTRA cartoons.



ultimatum on pay claim The National Graphical Assoc-The union which has 65,000

Print union gives five-day

iation yesterday gave provincial newspapers and general printers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland five days in which to reply to its pay demand or face

The print craft union on Monday offered members of the British Printing Industries Federation, the Newspaper Society and other employers exemption from the action in

return for an interim agreement Mr Les Dixon, NGA president, said yesterday that seven "assents" had been received, some from federation and society members and some from

companies which normally fol-lowed the national agreement.

members in the general printing and provincial newspaper fields, has rejected an offer giving a minimum earnings level of £75 a week, which is an increase of 20.6 per cent, and a 371-hour week by July, 1982. It wants an £80 minimum and a 371-hour

week this year.

The federation said of the ultimatum: "We have advised our member companies to stand firm in the face of such approaches and report them to their regional offices.

The NGA's action in rejecting an offer which would increase the average member's earnings by £20 a week is irresponsible and unrealistic. The offer should be put to a bailot of NGA members."

Nalgo would walk out in response to councils

By David Felton Labour Reporter White-collar local authority workers decided yesterday to take a strong stand against any action by employers to suspend union members taking indus-trial action.

senting the 480,000 members of the National and Local Govern-ment Officers' Association, which is taking action over a pay dispute, decided yesterday that if any member is disci-plined their entire branch should walk out

should walk out.
That was the union's response to the employers' decision to issue guidance to local authorities on how to handle staff in dispute, which included suspensions if necessary. More than 1,000 delegates called on the membership to "respond massively" if suspensions.

occur.
There was evidence yesterday that some councils are prepar-

ing to make a tough response to the union's action. The leaders of Bradford and Grimsby coun-cils warned Nalgo members that if they took part in the action they might be sent home with-

A union official said yesterday except in a few isolated areas, all processing and issuing of rate demands had been halted. The union has also agreed to individual branches taking action which they think will be effective, but which had not previously been approved by the union leadership.

This includes action in several areas to disrupt rent collections. Some telephonists at council offices will also be involved. A collection at the delegate conference raised more than £10,000 which will be put into a fund to help finance a strike over Easter by air traffic controllers if they vote to strike in ballots now being

Policeman wins pay parity

From Our Correspondent

the British Airports Bristol A police communications less than women operators in officer yesterday won his fight, for equal pay with women workers. An industrial tribunal same job. the commission's findings on the payments which are the restructuring of pay for the 1.500 workers involved. The payments will be made in two parts, the first of which will be back-dated to April last year.

Mr Emery had claimed that he was earning about £4 a week

Avon and Somerset police authority to backdate Mr Emery's pay rise to November, 1977. The police were given the right to

The tribunal also ordered

Snow blocks main roads in the North

winds created road hazards in many parts of the country yesterday.

Among roads blocked were

Tay bridges.

Heavy rain and sleet fell houses were flooded in spite of throughout the south of Engsandbag defences.

At the Rhos Abbey Hotel six

with the Weymouth to Dor-chester road. We had the roads cleared within a couple of hours, but it certainly caused

A701 Moffat-Edinburgh road Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, waves water away from Eleanor and 40 mph speed restrictions poured down the main street Street and Southfield Road.

rooms.

Doubts about hostel fire precautions Continued from page 1

and we do not have tragedies charred and are going to be like this."

Chief Inspector John Roddy said that one of the two sisters of the seven rooms used as bed
The bodies were "completely two residents from a window to a flat roof and safety. "It was impossible to identify". There were three or four beds in each could see the rafters, it was really ablaze at the top. There was no chance of anybody being

Mrs Cicely Hope, aged 69, alive up there". Forensic experts were still who lives next door to the hostel, said she was woken by working last night to establish one of the sisters crying: "Help the cause of the fire, although us, help us, we are on fire", at the back of the house. "There was thick, black smoke and flames pouring out", she said.

Mr Geoffrey Huggett, a car-

penter, who also tived alongside, and face. Her condition last helped to get ladders and coax night was described as "fair".

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Avocation. What if vou don't have one?

It was the first time I had felt envious about anything," a young told us with just a hint of self mockery.

I looked around the dining hall at university and realised with pain that there were two sorts of people there: those who had tions, and the rest of us who did not.

The first group (I already thought them privileged) knew tly where they wanted to go and how to get there.

Their lives, I naively imagined, would be unswerving and oseful, rich with certainty and fulfilment.

By contrast I felt muddled, irresolute and strangely vulnerable. nd myself mentally trying on different jobs but like secondhand ies, none seemed to fit."

Keeping your options open.

What, you may well ask, was this young man doing at the Army cer Selection Board?

Surely we are not interested in people who can't make up their ds? In any case, Army Officers are born with bugles ringing in ears, aren't they?

Some are. But nowadays most are not.

- And as for uncertainty, well, we see it as a characteristic of h, not feeble mindedness.

After all, why should a boy fresh from school or university expected to commit himself to any career he knows next to ing about?

We would never ask such a thing in the Army.

A young man may choose to serve for three years extendable ight years, or a commission of sixteen years as well as the full ice commission of approximately thirty-four years.

And contrary to the twist-your-arm reputation of recruiting ers, the one they recommend to anyone uncommitted, is the test.

Atoe in the water.

A three year commission will give you time to clear your mind le you try your hand at lots of different jobs.

Are you cut out to be a teacher? You'll find out soon enough. It might be your job to train y young soldiers in the use of mortars, survival and counter-

Are you an administrator? You will have to sort out their leave, orism. ning courses, replacements and duties.

Are you a bit of a lawyer?

One way or another your soldiers will need advice on H.P. agreements, Queen's Regulations, even divorce.

Do you have a mechanical flair?

Most units have transport today. It will be your job to see it works, sometimes, if you're a tank commander for example, in your overalls.

Who knows, you might find you have a vocation for the Army. This is somewhat more than a fond hope on our part: 35% of Short Service Officers do sign on for longer terms.

If not, you will leave the Army after three years commissioned service with a tax-free gratuity of £2265 (or in some cases, after two years if you wish, but without the handshake).

A further qualification.

You will also leave with an additional qualification.

The words 'Short Service Commission' certainly add weight to any curriculum vitae.

Not so long ago the Chairmen or Personnel Directors of over fifty large companies signed a statement that for them 'three years as an Army Officer can equal three years at university.' Several said a perfectly rounded education would include both.

All spontaneously mentioned the value of the training in management that Army Officer training gives a young man.

To sum up then, a Short Service Commission will give you time to breathe, opportunity to try different jobs and a welcome from large companies when you leave.

We have written a booklet called 'Army Officer. What the job

is like and how you can apply for it? It sets out all the options, the different Arms and Services,

the various lengths of commissions and how you may extend them or convert to a Regular Commission.

If you are between 171/2 and 26 with at least 5 'O' levels including English language, Major John Floyd will send you a copy. Write to him at Army Officer Entry (Dept. A41), Lansdowne House, Berkeley Square, London W1X 6AA. Tell him your age, your education so far and your thoughts on a career.

A 3-year Commission in the Army.

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Conceding defeat on the Government's proposal to s proposal to local education empower local education authorities to make charges for school transport. Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in the Commons yesterday that he would not be seeking to reintroduce the relevant clause in the Education Bill, defeated in the House of

But he emphasized that the clause had originally been introduced at the request of the Association of County Councils to give them greater freedom in choosing where to make sav-ings on their education budgets.

The option to charge [for school transport) is no longer open to local authorities", he removes the obligation on local authorities to achieve the needed reductions in expenditure in some other way.

As originally drafted, the clause on school transport would have enabled authorities to have made savings of about but later amendments restrictreduced the amount of possible savings. It had been pointed out in the House of Lords that the system, as the Government amended it, would have required many extra staff to administer the charges.

The Duke of Norfolk, who the revolt in the House of Lords, said later that he was eased with the Government's ecision to accept the defeat but he shought it was quite dis-graceful that Lady Young,

By Diana Geddes

schools.

Education Correspondent

Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary

of State for Education and Science, denied yesterday that he had withheld publication of

n report which shows that bright children do not suffer

academically in comprehensive

in a parliamentary written reply to Mr Nigel Forman, Conservative MP for Sutton, Carshalton, Mr Carlisle said that there was "no truth what-

he had withheld publication of the report by the National

The research was carried out by the bureau (with a £36,000

grant from the Department of

Education and Science), and it

was for the bureau to publish the report, be said. A draft was

sent to him last August.

In a letter last December to

Professor A. H. Halsey, who led

the research team, he bad said

that he hoped the report would

be widely read. He understood

that the bureau expected to

gress has been followed since to speed publication.

elected City alderman

Donald Silk, a solicitor, to become an alderman of the City of London failed yesterday had been

when he was rejected by the Court of Aldermen. In a secret ballot the alder-

men voted 20-0 against confirming his election after the ward of Aldergate in February voted him their alderman by 259-229.

The court gives no reason for

its decision, Sir Peter Gadsden,

Lord Mayor, used the formal words of rejection. "It is well known that by an ancient

custom of the City of London the election o fan alderman is

Subject to rollification by the Court of Aldermen.

"Having regard to the many and varied duties which have to

of the Cit yes London, for all of which he must be suitable,

the court has come to the con-

clusion that it is unable to

confirm the election of Mr. Donald Silk."

Mr Silk, aged 51, who failed in the High Court to have the

veto declared invalid after his

first election last July, seid

not yet made up his mind what

course of action to take.

He is entitled to stand for

a third time in the ward, but if

he as elected and again rejected by the Court of Alder-

men, the court has the right to nominate the alderman for that

performed by an alderman

Mr Silk again fails to be

y Christopher Warman
ocal Government been given three reasons for not being a suitable candidate.
The second attemot by Mr The first was that he was

oublish it in June or

Ey Christopher Warman Local Government

Correspondent

in the suggestion that

Minister denies delaying

sive school.

social engineering'.

Another reason was that he

had been rejected as a magi-strate, and had been convicted

of motoring offences. lu 30

years' driving his fines had been less than £100.

Third was a question of per-

sonality, by which he concluded

the court did not like him: "In

a word, prejudice. Prejudice

may be acceptable if one is selecting a steward of the Jockey Club or an assistant for

a City guild, but we are dealing

with the government of the greatest city in the world, a local authority which is to raise

over £200m next year in rates, the cradle of democracy and, in

a very real sense, the mother of

Mr Colin Dyer, Chief Com-moner of the Corporation of the

ity of London, dismissed those

complaints as "nousense". He

said that the veto protected the

mayoraky. He said that local govern-

ment in the ity was controlled by the Court of Common Coun-

elected in a normal election as

whose councilmen were

the mother of parliaments".

report on bright pupils

tion, should have suggested that any new savings should come from the handicapped.

"t should come from the administrative costs of the Department of Education", he said. "In any case, there is no need for the Government to require it to come from the education departments.

"I feel it is totally wrong to break up the Butler con-cordat of 1944 which set out the dual system of church schools and ordinary schools." The Duke of Norfolk said he would challenge the Government's claim that the

transport clause would have saved £20m. He feels that the various amendments to the original transport provisions must have reduced that to a much lower figure.

much lower figure.

Mr Carlisle won cheers from all parts of the House with his announcement, though Conservative backbenchers shoused comments to remind Labour MPs that they were cheering the democratic decision made in a House that they want to

For the Opposition, Mr Neil Kinnock saw the possibility that the 20 authorities which had "jumped the gun", assuming that the cylause would be-come law, would be forced to cut classroom provision, dis-miss teachers, reduce capitation allowances and cut down on the provision of books. He too referred to Lady Young's statement.

Mr Carlisle said the point that Lady Young was trying to make was that I fibe education authorities could not make modest charges for transport they would have to make savings which might be disadvantageous to the people con-

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, wan-ted a clear assuance that handicapped children and those receiving nursery education would not be penalized.

"Everyone is concerned about the problems of handi-capped children", Mr Carlisle responded, "but I cannot promise what the outcome of my decision will be."

He brusquely rejected a request from Mr Hugh Fraser, Conservative MP for Stafford and Stone, that the Government should find the £20m or £30m that was required for school transport. Cash limits had already been fixed, he said.

Lady Young refused a similar request in the House of Lords from Lady David, the Opposition front bench spokesman on education.

Catholics may suffer: It is ironic that while Roman Catho-lics gave the lead to the Government's defeat on school transport in the Lords, they could now find themselves much worse off (our Education Correspondent writes).

Some councillors are already talking of saving money by doing away with all discretion-ary school transport. That would mean that children attending church schools who now travel there free aithough it is not their nearest state school, could in future have to pay the full distance-related fare.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Robert Runcie, being interviewed by Ursula McLeish, aged 13, and Simon Lovegrove, aged 10, for Will your wife do the dusting? to be broadcast on Radio 4 on Thursday.

Three legs replace portcullis to mark step towards independence

Europe's islands watch Manx liberation

From John Chartres
Douglas, Isle of Man
The golden portcullis—symbol
of authority on a customs officer's cap badge, will dis-appear in a formight from the beadgear worn by members of the Waterguard Service in the

To mark another step towards more independence, the port-culis will be replaced by the Three Legs of Man symbol and the surround of laurel leaves by the words "Isle of Man Customer and Freits Service" Customs and Excise Service".

From April 1 for the first time in 200 years the Manx nation, which comprises about 63,000 permanent residents, will collect its own indirect taxes us well as levying its own (20.5 per

cent) income tax.
A staff of 37 officers, some recruited from the British customs service, bas been established, and new headquar-ters are being built on the site of the old steam railway station at Douglas.

The changeover in real terms of variations in rates of duty will be very gradual, almost imperceptible at first, and there is no early prospect of cheap drink and tobacco to lure holi-

The first changes are likely to be in the field of VAT rates on "non-exportable" services in an attempt to reduce the island's high cost of living. Any changes in VAT rates will

be subject to agreement with the United Kingdom Govern-ment, but Mr Percy Radcliffe chairman of the Manx finance board, and Mr William Dawson, the ichard's expenses are lockthe island's treasurer, are looking particularly at the 15 per cent VAT rate on such items as house and car repairs, house extensions and improvements, cinema, theatre and sports charges, and possibly petrol

There is no intention of creating a barrier between the island and the United Kingdom with British visitors having to pass through customs, but the introduction of the independent service is seen as a spring-board from which more control of the island's economy can be

The island's inflation rate of

From Christopher Thomas

Senior delegates from two of the three parties attending the Stormont constitutional talks

believe privately that the con-ference should be wound up as

is determined to press on until

have been discussed, which seems certain to take the con-

ference into next month. After

that there is a strong prospect that the forum will be adjour-

The leaders of the Alliance Party, and the Social Demo-cratic and Labour Party dele-

gations are convinced that the

fulness and that it could be

counter-productive to continue it much longer. The talks, which began on January 7, are clearly

in danger of becoming a politi-

cal embarrassment.
The Rev Jan Paisley's hard-

line stand on power-sharing has contributed most to the air of-

despondency surrounding the conference. The Democratic

Unionist leader's apparent new

aura of moderation gave cause for hope at the beginning but two thunderous speeches in the

past month have dispelled that

The main impetus for an early end to the talks evidently comes from the SDLP, the principal voice of Roman Catho-

lic political aspirations. Its

delegates are reluctant to see the talks extend beyond the

last scheduled meeting on

The party's views have been

expressed privately by senior delegates to Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who has been

chairman at every session of

the conference. He is reporting

personally almost every week to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, whose influ-

ence is undoubtedly the driving force behind the quest for

optimism.

ned rather than ended.

The Government nevertheless

soon as possible.

End Stormont talks, two

of three parties say

onferring any tax benefits. Hardest hit have been the low wage earners, who do not in any case benefit from the island's own low income tax rates because most of them are exempt from tax anyway. The overall cost of living is more than 5 per cent above that of

the mainland. One of the hidden assets of the new arrangement will be the termination of British VAT inspectors' rights of access to the books of the many finance companies which had based themselves here in recent years and which account for about a third of the island's toral income.

They were always seen as a deterrent to the attraction of more such companies in a market which has become increasingly competitive since the abandonment of exchange

Although assurances always given from London that nformation obtained British customs VAT inspectors 20.5 per cent is believed to be was never passed on to the the highest in Europe. The Inland Revenue or other Government's June budget in agencies, dark suspicions have

> There still is no secret scheme for power devolution in spite of speculation to the con-trary; indeed Mr Atkins's advisers are far from convinced

Only one thing is certain: the aspiration for introducing

a Bill in the Commons on power

devolution before the summer

recess is dead. The next target

is to get a Bill in before the

Christmas recess, but even that

The end or the adjournment

of the conference, which can be

only weeks away, will be fol-lowed quickly by an attempt to involve the Official Unionists

in the conference on Northern

It is the biggest party in the Province, but it refused to join

the conference for the stated reason that it believed there

was no prospect of success.

Some close observers believe,

however, that the party leader-ship stayed away because it favoured full lategration of

Ulster with the United King-

dom rather than devolved gov-

An option being considered seriously by the Government is

the production of a Green

Paper or some other form of

consultative document. A dis-

cussion paper is regarded by some ministerial advisers as

the logical next step given the

obvious failure of the partici-pating parties to identify important areas of accord.

The possibility of a referen-

dum on Government proposals

is receiving a lukewarm recep-

tion in Government circles given the inherent difficulties

Shooting at shop: A man was

seriously ill in hospital last

night after a shooting incident

in Belfast (the Press Associa-

tion reports). Two men walked into a shop at St Peter's Hill at the foot of Shankill Road,

fired about 18 shots at a shop assistant and made off.

Ulster cauldron.

Ireland's political future.

of the best way forward.

is far from assured.

could easily nappen in the computer age.

Many moves are being watched closely by other island communicies in Europe, particularly by Shetland, which sent a deputation to the Isle of Man at the end of last year. Two other moves towards increased independence are pro-ceeding slowly. The first is to relieve the Lieutenant Governor of many of his administrative responsibilities and of his positions on the Legislative Council (Upper House of the Manx parliament) and on the executive council (cabinet).

With vice-regal status he

with vice-regal status ne could give assent to domestic legislation on the spot, an improvement on the time-consuming system of Royal Assent. These proposals have been amicably negotiated with the United Kingdom Government.

Rather less enthusiasm is being shown in Whitehall towards a proposal that might lead to the island wanting to withdraw from the European Convention of Human Rights

Countryman

leader

to return

By Stewart Tendler

man in midsummer.

Last month it was announced

that Mr Burt, who formed the

Countryman team in 1978, was

going back to Dorset in May

while the deputy chief con-

stable, is on secondment to Hongkong. News of the move

the use of an inco other customers the Office of Pa nlainant was inst of the company's Mr Borrie said

Womai freed

Nottinghamshire,

The Court of Court on Januar Miss Palmer.

because of the difficulties and controversy surrounding the investigation. In fact, Mr. Burt is likely to rejoin the Countryman team in August which indicates that the investigations, now more than 18 months old, are likely to continue for some rime.

So far 10 officers in the City of London and Metropolitian forces have been charged or suspended. Charges against one City of London officer have subsequently been withdrawn and a suspension has been lifted from a Metropolican officer. In a number of other cases possible dates for com-mittal hearings are expected to be discussed later this week when the officers appear on

remand. Last weekend Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, announced that he and the Director of Public Prosecutions had agreed a scheme to allay fears among the criminal community that they might be framed with false carges if they belped Countryman detectives. Where allegations of "fitting up" (false charges) were made after a criminal had given evidence or talked to Country-

Mr + Leonard Burt, assistant chief constable of Dorset, is to remain in operational control of Operation Countryman, the investigation into London police corruption, after a temporary expected to return to Country-

that the 12-mo imposed at Notti cessive. They redu

led to speculation that the return might be permanent Justice Comyn, s

> matter came to lis he was brought to Lord Justice Ora it was a serious court had to bear Miss Palmer was of her training. "I that this was done

he should make a shattered and her excessive, the appe

in other local authorities. The 25 aldermen, also members of other local authorities. The Spending cuts 'threaten million alcoholics' the Court of Common Council, had a separate role as the Court of Aldermen. Mr Silk rejected the argument that the Court of Aldermen was not part of the demo-

By Frances Gibb

Britain's one million alcoholics, most of whom are in respectable jobs, are in danger

would close by the summer unless the £8,000 it needed was found.

"It would not be too alarmist of ending up as "street dos-sers" because government cuts are threatening to cause the closure of much of the coun-try's largest network of retry's largest network of habilitation centres for alcoholics and drug addicts it was

Claimed yesterday.

The warning came from the
London-based Turning Point
(formerly Helping Hand), a voluntary organization whose 17 hostels help about 400 alcoholics a year, most of them home-based.

Mr Brian Arbery, chief executive of Turning Point, said in London: "The idea that alco-holics are all dossers is totally wrong. They are only a tiny fraction. Many are in such jobs as chartered surveying or the Intelligence Corps. Most of the street dassers began with a secure, respectable background. The organization's main London drug addiction centre, the Hungerford Centre near Piccadilly Circus, which helped more than 250 addicts last year,

" It would not be too alarmist to talk about a big collapse. All support for drug addicts is voluntary and these organiza-Mr Arbery said.

yearly running costs of £500,000 came from central and local government but more than half the local authorities were failing to meet their financial commitments to fund the. "If you are an alcoholic,

whether you receive treatment will depend on where you live. between central and local government for a long while. Neither wants us. We go back and forwards and in the end it is the client who suffers." Mr Arbery called on the

Government to compel local authorities to meet their responsibilities or provide cash. It costs a local authority £40 to

alcoholism was on the increase. tion."

It expected the problem to The faculty said that £23m problem to every five men, compared with one woman to five men 10 years ago.

place costs £100 a week and a Higher tax urged: Doctors hospital bed £300 a week.

Alcoholics and drug addicts cellor of the Exchequer to imnot catered for would be pose much higher taxes on forced back on the hospital and alcohol to counter an epidemic of drink-related disorders (the of criminal offenders had drink Press Association writes). The problems. Faculty of Community Medi-Dr Brian Hore, vice-chairman cine of the Royal Colleges of

"The Government must take tics do. The attitude persists in direct action through taxation. this country that these people Raising step by step the rela-are in this position through their own fault." Raising step by step the rela-tive price of wines and spirits should be part of the overall The organization said that strategy to reduce consump-

grow. particularly among or 1 per cent of the tax raised women. There were two or on drink last year should be three women with a drinking spent on health education against alcoholism; advertising alcoholic drinks should be allowed at the point of sale only: and special attention should be paid to groups of people prone to drink probenterwiners, Services personnel, journalists, doctors, brewers and publicans.

Human error caused n

system led to the death of a said.

former Army sergeant, it was said.

stated at an inquest in New- Mr Brian Rudd, stated at an inquest in New-castle upon Tyne yesterday. Mr William Walker, aged 53, Gas, said that there died at his home in Pease restriction to the ou Avenue, Fenham, Newcastle, in January, his wife, Elizabeth, and two children in the house, Lorraine, aged 16, and Anthony aged 7, were treated for carbon

monoxide poisoning.
Mr John Gray, director of housing for Newcastle, said that central heating had been installed in the council house during she had come downst modernization in 1972, but the gas board had not been notified by the council and so the house was not on the board's list for an annual service.

"It is not possible to explain why this is", Mr Gray said. Human error could be assumed. "Something in the sequence of events shows that the works dopartment notified the central office, but the information was not passed on to the gas board." sure that gas applia if the gas board had been

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after in deals By Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent Consumers hav refunds of more credit and ren which had been fairly, the Office

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which is quite abs The trial judge

The judges d Miss Palmer shou supervision for two

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man, the DPP would investigate compensation by the allegations.

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that her husband su a heart condition. before his death the spent a night in hos ing from suspected ing. On the day of him lying on the f. living room and Lor in the kitchen. Dr John McIlroy

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Mr Silk complained to the cratic local government process.

Benefit cuts 'worse than in the 1930s'

birth. They were tested in mathematics and reading at the By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent age of 11 and again at 16. The latest report examines The Government is planning more severe social security cuts the children's progress in different types of selective and this year than were imposed by non-selective schools. Children the National Government in the who were in the top 20 per cent 1930s, a noisy rally at the House of Commons was told yesterday. Mr Frank Field, Labour MP of the ability range at the age of 11, made on average the same progress in reading and mathefor Birkenhead, told a meeting of more than 150 pensioners matics over the five years of secondary education, regard-less of whether they went to a and others that they were facgrammer or to a comprehensecurity benefits for 50 years. He said that benefit cuts In a letter to Mr Carlisle last imposed by the National Gov-

November, Professor Halsey, of ernment were made when prices the Department of Social Studies at Oxford University, were falling; they were not real cuts. The Government now planned to cut benefits, with inflation raging, by not raising "The evidence rules out both the hopes of those who advobem enough cated comprehensives as The Government had already panacea for all educational ills. iven away a "tax bonanza" o and the fears of those who

£4.500m, more than a third of opposed them as disastrous which had gone to the richest 7 per cent, Mr Field said. The "The record of the compreporest 10 per cent had picked up only 2 per cent. "Don't let us have any of this hensives . . . is much the same as that of other state schools-The research is based on Professor Halsey said yester-16,000 ch dren born in the day that Mr Carlisle could have same week in 1958, whose pro-made additional funds available

available ", he said to rising cheers. "The money is there to those who are already well endowed with the good things of this world."

He was speaking at a meeting called by the National Cam-paign Against Social Security Cuts to mark the report stage of the Social Security Bill. The meeting brought in coachloads of pensioners, disabled people, steel strikers and workers from Scotland and Wales as well as the South-east, who made it dificult for most speakers to be

heard. They gave a rough reception to the portly Mr Martin Stevens, Conservative MP for Hammersmith, Fulham. When he rose to respond to savage attacks on his party and leader, a pen-sioner shouted: "I'd like to see

you live on a pension. He spends all his money on beer."

They cheered Miss Ruth Lister, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, when she said that the Bill would make 1.805,000 claimants worse off, 19,000 of them by £3 a week,

But they were reduced to angry silence when she warned that worse might come.

The Budget may mean another Bill, which could the other Bill, which could appropriately be called the Social Security Destruction Bill, to end inflation proofing of short-term social security benefits." she said.

She forecast that the reported

shorthfall by which unemploy-ment, sickness and hasic rate supplementary bentfit rates would be increased in November would he more than the 5

Britain has been accused by Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper, of a breach of the 1975 Helsinki agreement by barring Russian journalists from visits to Northern Ireland and Rhodesia. The newspaper said no visas

by 'Izvestia'

Press ban

claim

By Craig Seton

had been issued to a group of Russian journalists to cover the Rhodesian elections and, "in another act of discrimination " permission had been refused for its London correspondent and of Tass, the Soviet news agency. to go to Northern Ireland.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London yes-terday said British authorities had been unable at the time to make available facilities for interviews the journalists had re-quested in Northern Ireland and, in the circumstances, they were told "it was probably best they should not make their planned visit there".

It confirmed that because of were issued to Russian correspondents during the run-up to the Rhodesian elections. The decision was taken by the interim administration under Lord

Other East European correspondents, notably from East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania among the 600 foreign journa-lists who covered the Rhodesian elections, but the Foreign Office has denied that the Russian journalists were unable to go because of the British Governhard-line approach to the Soviet Union over its invasion of Afghanistan.

In its attack on the British Government, Izvestia said Northern Ireland has been effectively turned into occupied

territory with English troops terrorizing the Roman Catholic

The bulk of the organizations'

centres.

prison service. About one third

of Turning Point and a psychia-trist specializing in alcoholism, dom said that in real terms the said that the money could not price of a bottle of whisky was one third the price it was 30 not attract donations, in the years ago. way that heart patients or spas-

There were 600,000 alcoholics in England and Wales which

was 2 to 3 per cent of the adult population. In Scotland, 10 per place someone in one of Town-cent of men in some cities hading Point's hostels, but a prison a drinking problem.

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fanners claimed the nd might be as little

ional Coal Board's tion, was bound to decrease as onal coal means then, was counted to three mines in and the nuclear programme got-Vale of Belvoir was under way. He was sceptical in the light of fall-that the board would find new demands and the industrial markets for coal as

a substitute for expensive oil. Mr Manners also said energy conservation would reduce fuel demand drastically. Whilst the major conservation effort will obviously be directed towards the consumption of oil, there can be little doubt that the same policies will also affect the demand for electricity and coal," he said.

He claimed it would be better to import coal than develop new indigenous reserves as an insurance policy in case the nuclear programme fell behind. He was adamant that greater productivity and investment in existing mines could supply all the coal needed up to 1990 and very probably beyond the turn of the century.

He added: "If the promoters are proved to be wrong then the country will have lost certain uneplaceable environmental assets in north-east Leacesterssets in norm-east Leacester-shire, it will have unnecessarily sunk a large sum of scarce pub-lic capital in a badly-imed mining venture, it will be faced with a surplus of coal-mining capacity, it will be required to close down rapidly and prematurely many relatively small pits in other parts of the country and it will have to face the social disruption that a course of action would

The inquiry was adjourned.



Arts Reporter

An appeal for Government support for the National Gallery's building programme and for money to continue improvements to the air-conditioning on which the survival of paintings depends was made yesterday by Professor John Hale, chairman of the gallery's trustees.

Professor Hale said that the sellery did not claim immunity from cors and private sponsorship had to be sought for some projects such as a new lecture theatre and a computerized information centre that could give the gailery an international lead in that field. He said : " We must argue 23

strongly as possible for money to continue the sir-conditioning programms already agreed for the east wing. Work on three rooms, one only a small one, will be completed this summer. Three or four more could be air-conditioned from the same plant. This must go forward". Society had incurred an ob-ligation that must be honoured before it was too late. "It is streig nonsense to speak of preserving a heritage when its retention could be more damag-ing than its flight to a better environment elsewhere.

Professor Hale was speaking on the publication of the gal-lery's report covering the two years up to last December. Further reference to the threat



Professor John Hale, who will retire in the autumn as chairman of the National Gallery trustees, with Monet's Bathers at La Grenouillère, a recent bequest to the gallery.

to the building programme is to the building programme is made in the trustees' report, which says that plans for the rational hanging of the collection and the educational and amenity services are imperilled.

"This is a hazard we share with all institutions dependent on the priorities decided upon by government in a period of retrenchment; we cannot protest at a curtailment of convenience or of creative pleasure venience or of creative pleasure

even though its fostering in
times of stress might be thought

The projected move into the National Portrait Gallery's premises next door was also mentioned by Professor Hale, who said that the cost of the portrait gallery's new building would be high. Nothing had been heard from the Government, but he hoped that the move would be accomplished by the end of the decade.

The National Gallery ex-The National Gallery ex-

hibited or sent out on loan all its 2,000 paintings. All could be seen by everyone.

£8.22m grant: The Scottish Arts Council is to receive a Government grant of £8.22m enabling if to operate on a com-

mitment basis for 1980-81 of

The council began the year with outstanding commitments of £435,000 from the previous year and it expects to carry over into 1981-82 an outstanding commitment of £560,000.

Better design 'could save 60% of car fuel'

By Peter Waymark Motoring Correspondent

Improvements in the design of cars could produce fuel consumption savings of at least 60 per cent, according to a report by the Government's Transport and Road Research Laboratory which was published yesterday. Such improvements would mean the average car returning

50 miles to the gallon com-pared with 30 miles per gallon today. The average motorist, with an annual mileage of 9,000, would save 120 gallons of fuel a year, equivalent to about £150 at today's petrol prices.

Although the report does not express the views of the Gov-

ernment, official concern about energy-saving means that it is bound to be studied closely. Since the private car consumes more than half of road transport fuel, the report says, it must be a prime target for con-

The report claims that its proposed improvements are fairly modest" and that some authorities have suggested that

Even so, a 60 per cent saving in average consumption is far in excess of the 10 per cent to which car manufacturers have

committed themselves by 1985. The biggest single contribuwould be a change from petrol engines to higher efficiency units like the light-weight diesel. The report gives as an example the diesel-engined version of the Volkswagen Golf car which gives up to 70 per cent better economy than the petrol

The report says that drivers, too, can help fuel economy. Good driving habits like moderate acceleration, anticipation of braking and travelling at modest speeds can bring fuel savings of between 10 per cent and 15 per cent.

Better traffic management in congested urban areas can increase average speed and reduce fuel consumption by re-placing stop-start travel by a smoother flow.

Ladbroke's to pay costs

Ladbroke's was ordered yes-terday to pay costs incurred by the Metropolitan Police and the Gaming Board in resisting its unsuccessful High Court appeal against the refusal of Knights-bridge Crown Court to renew gaming licences for three West End casinos.

An application by the Playboy Club, which had objected to the renewal of Ladbroke's gaming licences, for its appeal costs to be paid by that company, was rejected by Lord Widgery, the

Oueen's Bench Divisional Court. Mr Victor Temple, for Lad-broke's club operators, Ladup Ltd and Hyde Park Casinos, had earlier told the court that they were willing to pay the police

costs. Total costs of the High Court hearing are unofficially estimated at £20,000. Ladbroke's is referring last week's dismissal of its appeal to the Court of Appeal.

es route on orries

County Council's and transportation decided yesterday to legal ban on heavy les using the A591 wick road in the ict National Park as

will be imposed by lorries over three using the section rasmere and Thirk n for those having the park.

sion ends an eighttign by residents to ban not only for but for courists, in the public gal-council chamber in hear the decision. rth West Water the Lake District anning board and societies had all

the county council wanted a legal ban fichsel Jopling, Gov., hief Whip, and MP torland, also wrote

owen Nixon, who led for a legal ban and a long count that voluntary ban had I said afterwards she ted with the support ceived from residents

New scheme may save Wast Water

From Our Correspondent

Whitehaven England's Wast Water, could be saved from a congroversial plan by Brinish Nuclear Fuels to reise its level, providing more water for the Windscale nuclear

The scheme is one of the applications being considered by the "two lakes" inquiry at Whitehaven, the other being a similar proposal by the North West Water Authority to raise the level of neighbouring

Ennerdale.
When the inquiry entered its When the inquiry entered its eighth week yesterday after an adjournment of a formight, the water, authority revealed that it was siving prefetence to a third scheme known as Ennerdale 2. That would cater for its own water needs and the requirements of ENFL.

The authority also said that Michael Hesettine, Secretary of State for the Environment, has agreed that the Emerdale 2 scheme should be formally considered at the present inquiry. If the scheme goes ahead it would leave Wast

ahead it would leave Wast Water unaffected with BNFL receiving the high quality water it needs by direct pipe-line from Ennerdale to Wind-

The water authority spokes-man said it thought its original Emerdale scheme was the best, but it accepted that the additional cost it would mean to BNFL for Wast Water, about £13m, was not instified.

Cheap energy is a thing of the past. So here's some ice for the ful

For several years now domestic gas In a decade of soaring inflation, the price of gas in real terms has fallen by about a third. The promise of North Sea gas has been and will continue to be fulfilled.

But, as announced in January, our customers are going to have to pay more for their gas in future. The price will go up by an average of 17 per cent from April 1 and further increases will follow this year and in the next two years.

Gas will remain a good buy compared with consumers have enjoyed something of a bargain. other forms of energy for the foreseeable future, even though the age of cheap fuel and power has gone for ever.

> Fortunately, however, most people can do quite a lot to protect the family budget against the effects of these inevitable price increases.

Here are some simple ideas which will help you save gas - and save money into the bargain; and some ways to spread the cost of your gas more evenly over the year.

ef road objectors 'help age the environment'

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classic cases of delays by Correspondent rironmentalists have damage the environ leleving much-needed of relief roads. Mr illipson, director of h Road Federation runings inquiry into id the Environment more than 500 by wairing to be built poon said in ural classic cases of delays by dejectors.

The disclosure to Parliament last week that road-building was now running at half the 1975 level and a third that of 1970 showed dehe folly. Mr Phillipson and the economy as a whole, Mr Phillipson said.

The fundamental truth is the benefits to our society and the economy as a whole, Mr Phillipson said.

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ier who shot dead his children goes free

o shot dead his two ildren in their beds free from Bodnin urt yesterday. It was Peter Stephens, aged ner jockey, had also to shoot his wife, and himself, but she hers denied hens denied murderhildren, Lorina aged.
Simon aged five, at ne in Tower Road, and his pleas of manslaughter on the

of diminished respon-ere accepted. He was

r Smythe, QC, for the n, said Mr Srephens, to be a successful arried in 1963, settled ng instructor in Newbecame a loving and

ries mounted and he was neither eating nor sleeping properly and had become withdrawn. On the morning before the killings, a bank clerk telephoned him about a £250 overdraft. Then in the evening came two television news items which, he told his wife and which, he sold ms wife and later the police had upset him considerably. One was another rise in the morrgage rate and the other was the news of Pro-fessor. Anthony Blunt's treachery, Mr. Smythe said.

After a sleepless night, Mi Stephens took the gun and four probation for three cartridges from a cuptoard Mr. Justice Park on went into the children's bedthat he receives room and shot them.

The court heard that three psychiatrists, two for the Crown and one for the defence, agreed that at the time of the killings Mr Stephens was suffering from an abnormality of the mind sufficient to substantially impair his responsibility:

Reporters share award

killed by plank ider Lewis Thomas, a retired Royal Navy of Hawkley, Liss, e, was killed when he ed through the chest car hit a stationary ed with planks of the A3 at the Devil's de Hindhead, Surrey, Mr Murray Ritchie, a reporter for the Glasgon Herald and Miss Margaret Milne, a reporter for the Glasgow Evening Times, have jointly won the Scottish Journalist of the Year Award in the first anomal Fraser Page Award. Hindhead, Surrey

ND HOW WE CAN HELP. MONEY SAVING TIPS...

Stop Obvious Heat Losses and Wastage

* Keep doors and windows shut.

Keep curtains drawn where possible, Turn heating off in rooms not in use.

Use weatherstripping to stop draughts round doors and

* Don't waste hot water.

Dress sensibly—don't sit in your shirtsleeves with the heating on full blast when a sweater would keep you just as warm.

* Make sure your hot water cylinder's properly lagged with a thick, smug-fitting jacket.

Use Your Central Heating Controls Sensibly

* Turn your thermostat down a degree or two. The chances are you'll hardly notice the difference—but you'll be saving money. (Where there are elderly people or young babies, special care should be taken in making temperature reductions.)

Use your time clock properly -there's no sense in heating the house when there's no one home.

Insulate Your Loft

* If your loft isn't insulated, you could be losing up to a quarter of your heat straight through the roof.

* Insulation doesn't cost the earth—and you may even qualify for a local authority grant.

Have All Your Gas Appliances Serviced Regularly

* Keeping your gas appliances in top working order can help them to work more efficiently.

Energy Conservation Advice and Materials

Gas showrooms have free leaflets giving more detailed advice on how you can avoid wasting gas in your home. We also have Energy Advice Centres, where you can obtain information and buy insulation materials and up-to-date energy saving controls for your central heating.

We Can Help To Spread The Cost

* Ask at your gas showroom for details of our Easy Payments schemes, which include special Gas Savings Stamps and Budget Billing methods which allow you to pay a regular amount each month.

In Cases of Real Hardship

* If you face genuine hardship over the payment of your gas bills, you should get a copy of the Code of Practice on the payment of bills -it's available at your gas showroom. It tells you what to do and how you may be able to obtain help if you are in genuine need of assistance.



Don't waste your energy

School transport clause not to be reinserted in Education Bill: cuts will have to be made elsewhere

In view of the decision in the Rouse of Lords last week, the Government had decided not to reintroduce the school transport clauses into the Education (No 2) Bill, Mr Mark Cartiale, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in a statement. He added that in view of that decision, and the Government's acceptance of that decision, the option to charge for school transport was no longer open to local education authorities. But that in no way removed the obligation on local authorities to achieve the needed reductions in expenditure in some other way. in some other way.

Mr Cartisle (Runcorn C) sald As the House will know, decisions were taken last week in the House of Lords to delete Clauses 23 and 25 of the Education (No 2) Bill (cheers). These clauses sought to empower local education authori-ties in England and Wales and education authorities in Scotland to charge for providing school

an opportunity to consider the situation and has decided it would not be right to seek to reintroduce the clauses (Labour cheers). Such consequential changes to the

Such consequential changes to the Bill as are necessary to give effect to this decision will be tabled as amendments for consideration at report stage in the House of Lords.

As the House will also know, the Government decided last year that it was necessary for local authorities to reduce public expenditure and the rate support grant settlements for 1980-81 were made accordingly. accordingly.

It was the request of the Association of County Councils that, in making these reductions, local education authorities in England and Wales should be free, if they wished; to introduce charges for providing school transport. wished; to introduce charges for providing school transport.
In view of the decision in the House of Lords last week, and the Government's acceptance of that decision, the option to charge is no longer open to local authorities. But this in no way removes the obligation on local authorities to achieve the needed reductions in expenditure in some other way (Conservative cheers) other way (Conservative cheers). Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Opposition spokesman on education (Bed-wellty, Lab)—In bringing this statement to the House, the Government shows all the strategic

capacity of the Grand Old Duke of York and the judicial sensitivity of Pontius Pilate. doing there will be an increase of a further 6 per cent in the cuts that he is already promoting in education. There will possibly, especially in those 20 education authorities that sort of jumped the gun, be cuts in classroom provision, sacking of teachers, reduction in capitation allowances and

sion, sacking or teachers, reduction in capitation allowances, and reduction in book allowances as a result of bringing forward in the Bill a totally misconceived provision enabling local education authorities to charge for school transport.

As Lady Young, Minister of State for Education, threatened in the House of Lords, the people most likely to be affected as a result of the Government's decizion will be handicapped children, children in need of nursery edu-cation, and those taking adult education. Because the Government has

now undertaken to endorse the will of the Lords, Mr Carlisle must also shoulder the obligation for making additional funds available. There must be a supplementary rate support grent so there will not be further harm to the structure and fabric of education because of the misbegotten ideas he put forward in the Education (No 2) Bill.

Mr Carlisie-There is no increase in the cuts as a result of the decision I have made. The decision to requee expenditure had been made and was confirmed in the rate support grant.

I do not understand what he means about those 20 authorities who jumped the gun. Presumably he is referring to those authorities who were proposing to charge had they had the freedom to do. Yes, they will have to make those sav-ings by other means,

The point Lady Young was trymg to make was that if authorines were not able to make these reductions in expenditure by making modest charges for transport they would have to come out of some other part of the educational bud-

Last act before

independence

Order 1980 was improved.

The Southern Rhodesia (Constitu-

tion of Zimbabwe) (Elections

and Appointments) (Amendment)

Lord Trefaue, Lord in Waiting

moving approval, said it would

simplify the procedure for electing a President of Zimbabwe and

ensure that no steps which the

Governor thought necessary to

ensure that the elections for the House of Assembly were free and

fair should be held to be in contra-

The order was among the last

steps the Government would take before Rhodesia joined the world community and Commonwealth as a free and independent Zimbabwe. The order would facilitate that

Lord Campbell of Croy—I recog-nize that neither he nor the Gov-ernment was responsible for the content of the programme. Its

effect was damaging to the repu-tation of the Army and its difficult

vention of the constitution.

Zimbabwe

House of Lords

remark made by Lady Young who seemed to imply that the cuts would have to be found within the education budget? That was not what Mr Carlisle said in his state-

There is something wrong with policy when twice within weeks the Government has had to retreat on rural matters, first on rural post offices and secondly over school

Mr Carlisle—I made it clear these savings would have to be found by local authorities in some other oy local authornes in some omer area. That is consistent with our overall approach that it is a matter for local authorities to decide how they make their own reductions. Mr George Thornton (Liverpool, Garston, C)—The inclusion of the clause and its consequential discretion was at the expressed wish of the local education authorities. The removal of this discretion means that inevitably the savings which are to be expected from local authorities may have an effect on classroom provision.

Mr Cartisle—It was at the expres-sed wish of the Association of County Councils who are them-selves local education authorities. Part of our desire of having this clause in the Bill was to ensure reductions could be made in this way rather than in other ways.

Mr Ernest Armstrong (Durham, North-West. Lab)—Any further cuts in the rest of the educational budget will have a serious effect on the education of our children. Increased expenditure on education is necessary just as much as on law or order and defence if we are thinking about the future of our country.

Mr Carlisle—I have announced no additional cuts in educational expenditure today at all. All I have said is that one option of finding part of the necessary reduction has been closed by the decision, apparantly supported by decision, apparently supported by the Opposition.

We would all like to find many areas of expenditure in which more money could be spent, but the Government is determined to make sure this country begins

to live within its means. Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East Hertfordshire, C)—Since he explained that the primary reason for the imposition of transport charges was to save cuts in the more sensitive and important parts of the educational system, what guidance does he propose to give to the local education authorities who were prepared to impose transport costs to assist them in the solution of the invidious problems imposed upon them?

Mr Carlisle-The decisions are utending to make modest charges. On guidance, this was set out in our White Paper carlier this year. In the short term the local education authorities looking for savings will have to make their decisions as where best to make

Mr James Marshall (Leicester, South, Lab)—His decision is dis-graceful and disastrous. If local education authorities have to make reductions in their educational budgets, it will mean fewer ancil-laries and fewer teachers in schools, as well as increased class

Mr Carlisle-He is talking sense. We are looking to all for a saving of 3.5 per cent in expenditure by authorities at a time when pupils have dropped by 5 per cent.

We are accepting the decision of the Lords which he voted for in the Lords which he voted for in this House. If he is asking if I realize that some of the effect of accepting that decision may mean that reductions will have to be made elsewhere in more sensitive areas of the education budget, the answer is "Yes" and is what I repeatedly told the House. That is what the Opposition repeatedly ignored.

ignored.

Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C)—Has he noticed how many of the arguments in relation to church schools rest upon the alleged immutable nature of the 1944 settlement. Three times in the last 21 years, those churches which have been supplicants of the state on the basis of changed financial conditions have asked for changes in the financial arrangements. It is inconsistent that the same argument should not apply for the state.

Mr Carriste—I am fully aware of

school transport in any way would have attacked the concordat formed at that time.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham West, Lab)—In retrospect, it is a mistake for governments of either complexion to persuade local complexion to presume for expendi-ture in their budgets which event-ually turns out to be illegal only a few weeks before the end of the financial year. It is best to wait for the Royal Assent to Bills. Mr Carlisle-I accept it is unfortunate and a pity that those authorities who spent a considerable amount of time preparing to introduce charges from April onwards have had their time wasted. They asked to have powers and the Government agreed to put them into legislation.

them into legislation. Those who wished to implement it when free to do so decided to go ahead on the hope that legis-lation would come through. I regret that hope is no longer

Mr Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C)-Mr Carlisle should be Stone, C)—Mr Carlisle should be a little more magnanimous in defeat. The Lords and Commons have now come to the conclusion, admitted by the Government, that this burden should not fall upon the rural areas. Surely, it is up to the Government to find this £20m or £30m?

Mr Carlisle-I find it difficult to know how much more magnani-mous in defeat one can be than aunounce within three days that one accepts the result of that defeat.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke on Trent South, Lab)—He should be a little more magnanimous and assure the House that neither children who are bandicapped and receiving special education, nor those children receiving nursery education, will in any way be penalized by his decision. penanzed by his decision.

Mr Cartisle—Everyone is concerned about the problems of handicapped children, but I cannot promise what the outcome of my decision will be. The 1980-81 rate support grant and cash limits have already been fixed.

Sir John Eden (Bournemouth West, C)-He should take whatthe ancillary and administrative arms of the service and do not affect the provision of education. Mr Cariisle—I hope the authorities will look to those areas. I regret those authorities intending to charge for transport and not able now to do so, may make it more difficult for them to achieve that

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernaryon, Pl Cymru)—While welcoming the House of Lords decision and the Government's decision to accept it, does he realize the chaos fac-ing many authorides two week-before the beginning of the financial year?

He should allow, at least for this year, additional resources from the centre or accept they will

raise rates to meet this burden. Mr Carlisle-Mr Wigley represents a Welsh constituency and since only one of the local education authorities in Wales was proposing to put on any charge, it is not a relevant question (Conservative

laughter).
After Lady Young, Minister of State for Education, had repeated the statement in the Lords. Lady to know that the Government has accepted the decision of the House, There was such an upsurge in

have been unwise for it to have ignored that.

Does Lady Young think it fair that, having been led up the garden path on these transport clauses, local authorities should now have to find this money at the last minute? Would it not be

grant?
Viscount Simon (L) said the Government's decision better reflected opinion in the country than had the Commons decision when they sent the Bill to the Lords.

Lady Young—The cash limit for the whole year has been set now and the concluding part of the statement must stand.

At least 20 authorities were planning to introduce charges. We estimate that the £20m savings re-Mr Carifsle—I am fully aware of the changes made since 1944 in the relationship between the churches and the state. I do not

Call for land tax changes

Leave was given to bring in a Bill to amend the Development Land Tax Act 1976 by repealing the section relating to the charge on deemed disposal, by enabling advance assessments to be reached on the calculation of gains and to introduce a system of relief for development losses against development gains. velopment gains. Mr John Heddle (Lichfield and

Tamworth. C), who introduced the and to be not enough new homes were being gains.

built, particularly for young mar-ried first-time buyers and until the building industry started expanding again, no new jobs would be created in it.

His Bill would distinguish between the tax on windfall or speculative gains and gains created by a combination of endeavour, expertise, enterprize and risk. It sought to allow advanced valuation and to permit development losses to be offset against developmen

Avoiding chaos in Lambeth

BBC refused to change 'Gone for a soldier'

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone,
The Lord Chancellor moved the
second reading of the National
Health Service (Invalid Direction)
Bill which, he said, would give
stantory authority until March 31
to all that would have been done
by the commissioners appointed to
the Lambeth, Southwark and Lew-

isham Area Health Authority (Teaching) by Mr Patrick Jenkin, secretary of State for Social Ser-vices. The Bill, which has passed the Commons was read a second time.
The Consolidated Fund (No 2)
Bill was read a second time and
passed the remaining stages.

Waiting for the Budget on child and jobless benefit changes

later that it would be a disgrace and later that it would be to the Government's lasting shame if it did not increase unemployment benefits by the relevant amount to keep them up with inflation, but the Prime Minister would not be drawn beyond referring him to the

During question time Mr David Ennals (Norwich, North, Lab) asked about press leaks that a Government decision had been made to cut back or redeem £12 which would have been paid to strikers' wives and families. He asked her to draw the Chaucellor's attention to the speech by Sir Keith Joseph at the Conserva-tive Party conference when he had explained that it would cause

great bardship to families and would be an intolerable thing for a Government to do. Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—There was reference to it in the Conservative Party manifesto on which we fought the last election. Plans are under way which we hope will be announced within a few weeks (Labour procests.) Fresh legislation will be required.

Sharing of

makes nation

The need for understanding and cooperation of trade unions at work places was essential, particularly at a local level, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment and

Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) had asked what proportion of Great Britain's working population were members of trade unions.

Mr Prior (Lowestoft, C)-The pronut Frior (Lowestort, C)—In a proportion at the end of 1978, the latest date for which information is available, was 49 per cent. The working population consists of employment

employees in employment, employers and self-employed per-sons, HM forces and registered

proportion not show the great responsibility that rests upon those, particularly who are in a position of leadership in the trade unions and particularly at a local level, to secure cooperation in the work process?

encourage that in the interests of

Mr Prior—The answer to the first part is "yes". As to the second, despite the fact there are a lot of

difficulties ahead and probably

some strong disagreements, the need for understanding and co-

operation is essential, particularly at local level. Our nation works best when it shares its problems and works together.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)-

The trade union membership is increasing despite the scale of unemployment. Would be recognize that the trade union movement has an important role to play in indus-

trial relations?
Would he encourage those people not in a trade union to join their appropriate trade union?

Mr Prior—I recognize that trade unions have a vital part to play in

given encouragement to people to join trade unions. What is more

important is that they should not just join, they should play, an

active part

Speaker to

about clerk

check on story

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) agreed to look into allegations made in press reports that a clerk

to a select committee of the House had been transferred and demoted because of pressure from officials at the Ministry of Defence.

ar the Ministry of Detecte.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall,
North, Lab)—If the report is
accurate this is surely a matter of
considerable importance to this
House, Are ministers' senior offi-

clals to be in a position where because they dislike the attitude of

the clerk in carrying out his duties to the committee and the House, they can say in effect whether that clerk should be transferred to other work?

other work?

An investigation should take place and if the situation is found to be that the report is true then one hopes the services of the person concerned will be restored to

The Speaker-If there were any

interference by a minister of the Crown with a clerk doing his job in the House of course it would be a

serious matter. The stationing of clerks to the

The stationing of clerks to the various committees does not fall within my field. It is within the field of the Clerk of the House. I will look into this matter. He later said he would not mind making a statement to the House on the matter and added: I believe the state many of the Winnigh's

a great many of Mr Winnick's fears will be proved to be un-founded.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords Inday at 2.50 Debates on cooneration between NHS and private medical ser-vices: energy conservation; and small village schools.

House of Commons

Today at 2.30; Social

problems

work best

Prior, Secretary Employment, said.

Mr van Strauber

Mr James Callaghan Leader of the

in unemployment which is to take place this year, that there will be no breaking of the link between unemployment benefits and the rise in prices which would make unemployed worse off?

Mrs Thatcher-I will not give any assurance which is likely to be dealt with in the Budget. Mr Callaghan must await that state-

Mr Callaghan—That answer will arouse great suspiction. Will she take it that it will be a lasting disgrace to the Government if it artempted to save public expendi-ture at the expense of the unem-ployed and sick in this country? (Labour cheers). Mrs Thatcher—Mr Callaghan must await the Budget but I am hardly likely to take criticism from ham when it was he who doubled un-

employment in the last Govern-Mr Callaghan-Does Mrs Thatcher not yet realize the link between un-

proposed changes to the Employ-

He said he had received repre-

sentations from a number of organizations, including the TUC and CBI, on the consultation paper

on trade union immunities. The

period for consultations would come to an end on Friday and he would consider all the representations before drawing up an appropriate amendment to the Bill.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Will he recognize the pirfall of creating marryrs in his attempts to redress the balance of power on the shop floor? Would he recognize the example of the tortoise rather than the hare as being more likely to succeed in the task in which we all wish him well?

Mr Prior—I am grateful for his good wishes. At times I have been accused of being too much of a tortoise. I recognize the enormous

portfall there is in this legislation and I am determined to get it right so that it can stay on the statute book for a period of many years.

Mr David Winnick (Walsell, North, Lab)—All attempts to victimize and discriminate against the trade union movement would be as strongly resisted as the 1971 Industrial Relations Act.

joining the unemployment register in the three months ending in January was 382,000 and average

number which left was 363,000 per month, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said dur-

ing questions on recording job

Mr Prior (Lowestoft, C) said he appreciated that the existing

arrangements for recording job

vacancies did not provide a mea-sure of total vacancies. As a general guide, there were

ment services.

However, changes in the numbers of registered vacancies did provide a useful indication of

Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet,

Chipping Barnet, C)—If, as he stated, only a third of the vacancies to any area are recorded at the local job centre there ought to be

a more vigorous campaign directed towards employers or potential employers in the job centre area to draw to their attention the facili-

One in three vacancies

notified to job centres

about three times as many vacan.
cles in the economy as those notified to the Government employMr Prior—The average inflow of

Mis Thatcher—He has the worst record for unemployment in the post-war period. (Labour protests). Of course his side of the house do not like me saving it. About child benefits, he knows he must await the Budget. He goes on knowing that he must await the announcements in the Budget. He has been Chancellor and Prime Minister and he knows.

fits is of paramount importance to

legislation that will last

Opposition (Cardiff, South-East, Will she also give an indertal-Lab)—Will Mrs Thatcher give an ing that child benefits will be to undertaking, in view of the rise creased by the relevant amount in unemployment which is to take because otherwise, if they are not

Mrs Thatcher-He has the worst

Minister determined to get

increased substantially, by the increase in prices; that will increase the so-called distincentive to work for the unemployed?

Mr Callaghan-Mrs Thatcher was ready to give an assurance re-cently about the payment of health service charges. Why not a similar assurance now unless she is proposing to run away? (Conservative protests). If she is not, she should not be atraid to answer. (Further protests).
It will be a lasting shame to this Government if it interferes with these benefits.

Be it the situation now, the time of that Act or in a dispute like Grunwick, the image of the Tory Party is one of deep hostility on the trade union movement. It is

time it learnt to live with that

Mr Prior—I am aware that there are millions of trade unionists and a vast majority of trade unionists who wish to see this measure on

the statute book, protecting their individual and trade union rights.

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)— While he has been compared to a

While he has been compared to a sloth, a rhinoceros and a tortolse, would Mr Prior accept the assurance that we consider what came out of the McShane judgment shows that his opposition to the 1974 and 1976 Acts was right all along and that the balance now needs redressing?

Mr Prior-We are seeking to ge

Lab!—The new tests proposed as regards capability and motive with

respect to industrial action, will delight the lawyers and do nothing to improve industrial relations.

Mr Prior—That is precisely why I published the consultation document and am listening carefully to

of recruiting from vacancies put at job centres.

Mr Prior-Yes, this could be help-

ful. In the case of the Post Office and British Rail certain discussions

have been held so that they notify more of their vacancies to job centres.

Mr John Butcher (Coventry, South West, C)—Will he inform us of the rate of turnover in the

number of vacancies notified and what effect this has on the turn-over in the long and short-term unemployed on the register?

Mr Prior—The average inflow of vacancies in the three months ending January was 207,000 per month and the average outflow was 215,000 per month. The average number joinging the unemployment register in the three months ending January was 382,000 and the average leaving was 363,000 per month.

Some 200,000 of the unemployed

needs redressing?

await the announcements in the Budget. He has been chancellor and Prime Minister and he knows

Mrs Thatcher-I confirm that if mrs Instcher—I confirm that if there were no change our contribu-tion to the European budget this year would be £1,100m or more because the final budget for the Community as a whole has not jet been fixed. Mrs Thatcher—Mr Callaghan will have to contain his impatience for a few days longer until the Budget. If we do not get an equitable solution we should have to consider withholding part of our contribution but I hope it will not come to that.

to hold back paym (1) to Community but

that Britain should bution to the Mark As these are the on will she accept the (Cheers.) Mrs Thatcher—I wo options. It is not only the contrib is the lack of rece

We are trying to receipts to substitute we alre we get a better (receipts from the Control of the country of th Mr Robert MacLem and Sutherland, La Thatcher recognize ening to consider with contributions, she is act in breach of this obligations? in equity and in just that it would be st threats of that kind?

More imaginative sch for youth employment

Mrs Thatcher's that

If there was not an equitable solu-tion over the United Kingdom's contribution to the (EEC budget

the Government would have to consider withholding parts of its contribution. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said at question time. But I hope it will not come to that (she added).

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C) had been asked by Mr Iver

C) if she could confirm that the anticipated act budgetary countries would be in the region of £1,100m.

If so (he went on) unless there is a successful outcome to the nego-dations in Brussels there will be a

More imaginative schemes for employing young people might be put before the House before long, is likely to double the must have see for Employment, said during questions.

Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) had

Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) had

said-The time has come to propose some kind of new initiative to employment that land encourage employers to create jobs job prospects for you for school leavers.

It requires a greather than has been pland the possibility that the possibility that the possibility that the possibility the possibility that the possibility the possibility that the possi He has considered the possibility of an all-party appeal, to the CBI, what is the Govern small firms, with the use of media deal with the grown and television and things of that the long-term mere kind, to create new thinking and new initiatives to persuade STEP programme? STEP programme? STEP programme? The programme of the school leaver than they otherwise would have done?

Mr Prior (Lowestoft, C)—I. wel-come what he has said, although I think there are difficulties in mak-ing a specific appeal to small businesses at this time. legislation which can stand the test of time. It will not be perfect or always operate in the way some people think it should. It will be a We need to be more imaginative in the schemes that we are contemplating for young people and I hope before long to bring before the House more imaginative great improvement on what this House has passed in the last 30 Mr Gijes Radice (Chester-le-Street

Mr John Grant, an Opposition spokesman on employment (Isling-ton, Central, Lab)—Has he seen

Economic Policy shows the extent of which is what happe last Government.

The youth oppo gramme will be e 210,000 entrams us to give the same to the school leaver-given in former year I am worried abo of youth unemploym long-term unemploy are factors which re

cess if we could holby voluntary means which we are more

I hope (he added

Mr Brian Mawhin borough, C)—Last w

in the Iron and Stee

federation made a : so far his member well-behaved on the but now the time

ment to law-breaking

two sides can get settle this dispute

Voluntary ballots bett

More union ballots should be held by voluntary means, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said during questions

Employment, said during questions about the steel strike.

Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Scunthorpe, C) said: The time has come for Mr Prior to meet Mr Bill Sirs again and raise with him the question that after 12 weeks of a strike, and when the workforce in British Steel bave had no opportunity of expressing their view except in a ballot about a ballot, he should instruct his executive to hold a ballot for the workforce. If Mr Sirs disagrees with him, there is a case for the Government bringing forward legislation to compel the union to hold a secret ballot in these circumstances. Mr Prior—I am prepared to meet Mr Sirs if he wishes to come to see me. I understand the chairman of British Steel has said they will hold a further ballot if the unions refuse

to hold their own and refuse arbi-As for making ballots compul- have obeyed the law.

Mr Gordon Bagier (Sunderland,

South, Lab) said he had not voted

for the Government in last night's

debate on the Olympic Games but

Vote misrecorded

any incitement to law the two occasions wh pute, the trade union Majority for games boycott The Government moting the Soviet inva-hanistan and believi United Kingdom sho

had voted with those who disapart in the Olympic G-cow was carried on h by 315 votes to 147-majority, 168. have been unemployed for four weeks or less and 1,100,000 for 12 months or less. So there is a clear in and out situation. greed with the Government. He asked for a correction to be made

No immediate EEC cash for Channel tunn However enthusiastic people might be about the prospects of a Chan-nel tunnel, it would be optimistic to suppose that expenditure on construction could begin to flow in any significant amount within three years, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport, said late on Monday night. Construction could take

seven years.
In an adjournment debate on the In an adjournment debate on the possibility of a Channel tunnel, Mr Clarke (Rushcliffe, C) said a Government statement on this would be made tomorrow (Wednesday). There were a number of misconceptions about any such project. Contrary to many reports, there was no immediately available puol of European money waiting to be pumped into a project. Nor, in the immediate future, was there any possibility of a flow of EEC funds

clear-cut distinction between the immediate short-term problem of the European hudget and Britain's contribution to it on the one hand,

in the possibility of transport pro-jects being financed by the EEC and was looking for spending in the United Kingdom in the near future to redress the present imba-lance in its budgetary contribu-tion.

To the Government, there was a

and the longer-term one of infras-tructure aid from the EEC on the

about the riming of any tunnel an the scale of EEC assistance likely to flow into any such link. With

the best will in the world, any link would require a great deal of prep-Britain with its budgetary problems, had to look even wider than a single project, even one of the scale of a tunnel.

The Government had responded favourably to the suggestion of aid to transport infrastructure but it needed to know precisely what the details were going to be. It wished to know important details about the likely scale of any contributions and what criteria would be applied.

see ports and airports included as possible projects for ald under any transport infrastructure fund. These were an important part of Britain's link with the remainder of the Community.

The Commission several lines of at taneously. It had pu-European transport at next meeting a draft r Community financial transport infrastructur The Commission's v. community support w

scheme to come forwar certainly one the Gove looking at.

addition to a pension The RAF said: "If Keven is discharged

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Mrs Thatcher accused of attack on women's rights

that was one of the biggest ironies in Britain's political history.

He told his union's Scottish

The election of Britain's first the law, by itself, is not nearly woman Prime Minister had been accompanied by a sustained attack on women's rights, a union leader said yesterday.

Mr David Basnett, general and the said those women."

He said those women with

Nevertheless, we must acknowman of the TUC economics com-mittee, added: "We have the ment has not always done in ment has not always done its duty by women workers". His union, for example, had been trying to do something about the difficulty with a de-partment at its head office being solely concerned with equal

tions on recently won abortion

its executive council had also decided to establish a system of

Minister to meet family of paralysed airman

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Under- after him if he is Secretary of State for the RAF, and what treatment is has agreed to meet the family to stimulate his bri of a young airman paralysed tion.

We also want to summan to summa sive care at the RAF hospital in Ely, Cambridgeshire, after falling into a vat of toxic clean-ing fluid while on duty 18 months ago.

He cannot speak and is barely able to move. Specialists have warned his mother, Mrs June Wilson, and his stepfather, Leonard, that there is no hope of a recovery and that he will spend the rest of his life in a hospital bed.

The couple, who live at High-field Walk, Yaxley, near Peter-horough will restrict the special bed.

The RAF said that work arrangement is the said that the said that work arrangement is the said that the sai

borough, will travel to White-hall on Friday. Mr Wilson said: medical treatment if "It has been a long hard strug-discharged, but he gle but now we seem to be getting somewhere. "Doctors have told us there

is no hope and that he will be in hospital for the rest of his life, but we want to make sure he will be well cared for." The family's solicitors said: ges ag
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the RAF will continue to look Forces.

expected to leave for The RAF pointed Section 10 of the Cro

ceedings Act 1947 et prevented servicemen prevented servicement bringing civil actions for ges against the Cro injuries sustained in the

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In the light of the recent BBC television programme Gone for a Soldier it is possible that the Ministry of Defence may be more selective in helping the media in future. Viscount Long. Lord in Waiting, said at question time. Lord Campbell of Croy (C) had asked how much was spent on staff and activities directed to recruiting for the Army in the last year for which figures were available and whether the Government gave any assistance in the preparation of Gone for a Soldier, broadcast on March 9.

was given a synthesis of the pro-gramme. It was not until the pre-riew that the department became aware of the editorial slant and Viscount Long—The estimated cost of the Army recruiting organization was £12,032,000 requested cuts in sequences which in its view were blased and unreorganization was £12,032,000 for the financial year 1978-79. Facintative, but the request was littes were made available to the makers of the television pro-gramme Gone for a Soldier to film Army recruiting and training acti-

Representations have been made at high level to the BBC. The Under-Secretary for the Army, answering questions in the Com-mons on March 11, gave the Government's general reaction. The Ministry of Defence has no wish to reserve editorial rights over programmes of this type other than on grounds of national security and would not wish to place more res-

There has been a marked upturn in recruiting since we restored Sevice pay to its appropriate level.

From April, 1979, to March this year Army recruiting was 20 per cent higher than in the same period last year. It is vital that this improvement is sustained. The targets next year are higher and help to make up for the short-

and help to make up for the short-fall in recruiting over the past two or three years. I hope that what-ever has happened during this programme recruiting will continue as Lord Shinwell (Lab)-History. however damaging and deplorable, is acceptable as long as we can escape from it. Do not the recrult-

ing figures indicate that the pro-

lorable was historical and factual, is unlikely to do any damage and that the conditions now prevailing in the forces are on the whole satisfactory compared with what they have been in the past? Viscount Long-Morale in our armed forces is much higher.

Lord Tranmire (C)-Some of the incidents in Northern Ireland and Cyprus were extremely Inaccurate and disappointed many ex-Servicemen who were in action in both places. May that be conveyed to the Chairman of the BBC? Viscount Long-Strong words have

already been written to the BBC. At this stage the next time round they will probably find it a little more difficult to get through such a situation. Our troops have done a most wonderful job in monitoring the Rhodening electricant. This ing the Rhodesian elections. This was not brought out in the programme as it was too early for it. Our troops do a good job. It was unfortunate that the producer got hold of the wrong information.

regional council in Glasgow:

"It is not just the rights of
women at work but women as citizens, entitled to a decent education for themselves and their children and the provision of those social services which make the difference between a caring and a heartless society". Mr Basnett, who is also chair-Equal Pay Act and the Sex Discrimination Act, but we should be fooling ourselves to pretend that because they are on the statute book the job is done. "Certainly, they have out-lawed some of the more blatunt acts of discrimination, but en-

He said those were: withsecretary of the General and He said those were: with-Municipal Workers' Union, said drawing money from nursery education, so preventing many women working at all; cutting social services to the elderly and disabled, which often meant that women had to sacrifice themselves to look after them: making it lawful again for many employers to dismuss women for becoming pregnant, which en-couraged unacceptable restric-

Mr Basnett added, however:

rights.

forcement is week and women are still disadvantaged.

"All this helps to prove that decided to establish a system equal rights advisory com tees throughout the union. equal rights advisory commitapplied. The Government would prefer to

cases be in the form guarantees of loans. C also be available in si but were unlikely to a 23 per cent of the schemes concerned. The most immediate nel link project l Government was the Bi SNCF report. He w would not be the only

start next Monday. us synod was of the

ch in January. tecessities of the byzane Vatican on March

speculation in ecclecies whether the old. f the Ukranians will ssed and papal-granted for a patriarch, to follow stern-rite Catholic

Josef Slipyj, the of Lvov and head ainian Catholics, is i has lived the last the Vacican after 8 years in Siberia. ul VI never yielded s from the 20 bishops and their faithful scattered ld to grant recognipatriarch. Nor has hemselves consider, lipyj to be their in spite of the papal approval.

I stance has presuminfluenced by the

today convened a Cardinal Jan Willebrands, the lonel synod of head of the Secretariat for the Byzantine rite Christian Unity, is at present in the Sovier Union at the head of a delegation for theological discussions with the Orthodox to "provide for the Church, and may have the opportunity of discussing with hosts

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in rite", a Vatican situation.

ant said, the Pontiff Latin Mass: In a move towards ked the Ukranian accommodating traditionalists.

a synod, which will the Pope told bishops today to accommodating traditionalists, the Pope told bishops today to respect the desire of Roman Catholics who want Mass said in Latin, which he called the splendid language of ancient

In a 50-page letter made public in Rome by the Vatican, the Pope warned the faithful against attempts to "desacraagainst attempts to "desacra-lize everything", and called for an end to divisions over church liturgy, or the prescribed form

Above all, I wish to emphasize that the problems of the liturgy, and particular of the Eucharistic liturgy, must not be an occasion for dividing Carbolics and for threatening

the unity of the church," he Traditionalists, like Arch-bishop Marcel Lafebre, cele-brate the Tridentine Mass, which is said in Latin instead of the local language, and is no

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'lwn Correspondent

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to M Chirac:

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only thing which

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rules of the ib, you refuse to pay e fees, you refuse to iles of the game, you fair play in this insequence you must Community

's attack on Britain arest part of his ind shows that, great that he is he clearly at this is the view

held by the vast majority of French electors.

The interview was, in general

terms, an attack on the presidency of M Giscard which he dismissed as being not brilliant, and on the economic policits of M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, which he president would cover France. predicted would cause France to sink into deeper and deeper

The President, he said, had created a political system in which he assumed personal re-sponsibility for everything which was going on rather than as in the past simply reserving one or two important areas for his personal attention. This meant that the Government did not really exist. M Chirac added his voice to

the growing campaign of mose who believe it is irrelevant to investigate whether or not M Georges Marchais, the Com-munist Party leader, was a Nazi collaborator in the Second World War. The Gaullist leader also rejected the idea out for-ward by M Marchels of a commission of inquiry into the past careers of leading politicians.

The President himself also issued a statement last night in which he said he disapproved personal attacks politicians.

The Communist Party newspaper l'Humanité has greeted this apparent absolution by the head of state as "ambiguous" and even "dangerous". In the paper's view this statement by the President is an attempt to draw a veil over the real scandals of the country.

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fish at the police, who retaliated with tear gas and water jets. Some demonstrators tried un-successfully to build barricades

taken to hospital for treatment and two policemen and n trainee journalist needed medi-

was "comforting" in view of the fact that the prosecution had called for long sentences.

American consulate in Europe will close permanently here next September in a costsaving operation which is shutting down four others in Salzburg, Bremen, Turin and Goreburg.

The demonstration broke up after the sentences were publi-cized. M. Jean-Marie Kerloch, the Mayor of Plogoff, Brittany, said that the court's decision

Nice, March 13-The oldest

Allied Forces Northern Europe,

said that, on the contrary, by-holding this exercise several hundred miles clear of the

border Norway was showing

ganda about nuclear stockpiles

in Norway was a blatant lie. He emphasized the importance

Norway where the difference in

to learn to survive before even

being able to think about com-

would confront a move by the

Soviet Union by ensuring the

immediate involvement of as

this type of exercise in

sensible restraint

Moreover, Russian

demonstrators

Consulate to close

M. Peyrefitte repeated the argument he has frequently used that so grave a question could only be discussed by parliament when passions had sub-ided and subject that the state of the stat sided and public confidence had

been restored. But the aboli-tionists contend, with some justification, that this amounts to postponing it indefinitely, since both conditions are never likely to be met fully; and that it is for the Government and Attempt to escape by car

to West Berlin foiled

The failen: Headstones at bulldozer. In West Berlin,

the British military cemetery 72 tombstones have been

near Cologne lie broken and oversurned at the Frohnau

World War soldiers were written on 20 of them during

40 graves of Second slogans and symbols were

parliament to lead public opinion in this matter, not the

other way round.
The proposed Bill, in any

case, makes substantial con-cessions to public opinion. In the first place, it does not

abolish capital punishment out-right, but maintains it for par-

ticularly grievous crimes, like the murder of hostsges, of policemen and old people.

Secondly, it reinforces alternative penalties, by making life

imprisonment truly lifelong in-

stead of 20 years or so at present, with remissions of sen-

tence for good conduct; and lastly, it would be introduced

for only a five-year trial period.

M Philippe Seguin, a leading
Gaullist supporter of an abolition Bill adopted last June by
the legal committee of the

National Assembly, declared to

day that the minister's argu-ments betrayed a poor opinion

It also showed a determ

tion to change nothing in an intolerable situation illustrated

once more by the verdict in the Garceau affair (concerning a man tried for two murders

within 26 years, first sentenced to death last year; but con-demand at a retrial last week

life imprisonment).
The death penalty, he added,

was now nothing more than an alibi for an ill-adapted judicial

M Peyrefitte, in his statement yesterday, referred implicitly

to the Garceau affair. There was a contradiction, he said, hetween the view of the people in favour of capital punishment, as expressed in opinion polls since 1970, and the research devictors of incies.

peased decisions of junes, which are nevertheless the re-flection of this same people.

strewn by unknown vandals. municipal cemetery.

France delays Bill to

curb the guillotine

damaged, apparently by a the night.

The guillotine has still a lot

of life in it, a Paris afternoon

newspaper remarked grimly, after the statement by M Alain Peyrafitte, the Minister of Justice, to a meeting of judges at the Versailles Court of

Appeal yesterday.
The minister declared that

after the recent series of grue-some murders, which had

provoked widespread public

indignation, it was too early to introduce a Bill in parliament

for the partial abolition of the death penalty. The bill was ready, but the time was not

ripe.
The Government promised last year that the Bill would be discussed by parliament in the

spring session. But a Ministry

of Justice spokesman said today

the National Assembly and the Separte has shown that the people's elected representatives

are deeply divided on the issue,

while many opinion polls showed that the vast majority of the French people remains

He denied, however, that dis-cussion of the Bill would be

postponed until 1981—after the presidential elections in June, it was generally assumed, for

opposed to abolition."

the general debate in

From Our Correspondent Berlin, March 18

An attempt by a West German driver to crash through the barrier of the Drewitz checkpoint leading to West Berlin was foiled by East German border guards last night, the East German news agency ADN reported today. According to eyewitnesses,

the guards discovered a woman hidden in the car boot after siezing the driver. Meanwhile at Bernauer Strasse in the north of Berlin, which forms the border between the two parts of the city, East. German workers began erecting a new wall under the watchful eyes of border guards. It is the third wall there, each of them about 17ft high. Between the walls there are tank obstacles and mines in the so-called death strip.
It is being assumed that the facades which remained after

the houses had been demolished on the East Berlin side of the border will be removed once the new wall is completed. Several East Berliners jumped out of the windows of those houses into West Berlin after the building of the first wall Some of them met their deaths

Simple crosses and small plaques remind passers by of the victims of the wall.

o force rehearses defence of Britain Commander in Chief be the extreme flanks-Turkey

he largest Nato exerke place in Northern now being held in which has a 120-mile ith the Soviet Union. there are two Soviet shout 40 airfields and oviet naval base in e port of Murmansk.

units, including 3 Commando re taking part with gian army, American id other allied forces, bout 24.000 troops, in ik express " exercise. n aim of this exercise but by the Allied Mobile The Allied Mobile Force and) (AMF(L) into is a brigade-size force. It possible emergency icks in the Soviet pressing concern at the Soviet d at the stockpiling weapons for use in

many allied countries

It is expected to be deployed in Greece and Iraly but the gence and logistics units. most likely areas of activity are considered by Nato planners to provided by Canada and Italy. soon.

and Norway. Regular exercises are held in these countries, although the composition of the force varies. It is equipped and organized to fight alongside the forces

of the bost nation. It is here in Norway, according to General Farrar-Hockley, that the defence of Britain begins. Soviet aircraft and ships have to come out through the gap between Norway and the North Cape, or out of the environment was not only the snow but where the temperature can drop to below 20°C in a matter of minutes. Soldiers had

Baltic Sea. The barrie for Britain and the Atlantic would be much more difficult to conduct and win if the Norwegian bases were lost

The British element of the Aporak Express, force consists of The 1st Battalion, The Prince of Wales Regiment of Yorkshire, normally stationed at Bulford, as well as artillery, reconnaissance, signals, intelli-

Similar-sized detachments are

West Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg also have units Troops are normally stationed in their home country and are trained to move rapidly to a

force concentration area before being committed to action. The force is at present commanded by Major-General Alexander Weyand, of the United States Army, with a small international head

quarters usually based in West Germany. Rapid reinforcement of the area is a major consideration, General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander,

Europe, said today. It would be done mostly by prepositioning stocks of heavy equipment and stores to enable outside reinforcements to be moved here quickly by air and

Discussions for assembling stocks have been going on be-tween the United States and Norway and are expected to end

Lingering bitterness of Algerian war shown by rival ceremonies

From Charles Hargove Paris, March 18

Like the German occupation, the scars of the Algerian war are by no means healed yet. It has branded a whole generation of Frenchmen old enough have lived and fought

The controversy over the date, March 19, when the cease-fire ended ten years of bitter conflict, illustrates the depth of feeling it still rouses in France.

The National Federation of Ex-Servicemen in Algeria, Morocca and Tunisia, has called all its members to a ceremony of remembrance at the Arc de Triomphe tomorrow evening. M Wladislas Marek. the president, points out in an article in Le Monde today, that more than 800 municipalities of all political complexions throughout the country have officially recognized the anni-versary of the end of the Algerian war.

His federation want the Government to take the same step. He says that more than 30,000 young Frenchmen died in that war and it was only last year that the survivors were officially granted the status of x-servicemen. Ex-Servicemen in Africa, the The reason is not far to seek. independent right-wing daily,

for French Algeria will, it announced, hold a press conference tomorrow.

It will condemn the "dishonour" of commemorating what it describes as a "political defeat", and hold a counter-demonstration at the Arc de Triomphe on Saturday.

Jacques Soustelle, a former Minister of General de Gaulle Governor-General Algeria, M Pierre Poujade, founder of the small shopmovement, M Michel de Saint Pierre, the writer, and M Leon Delbecque, the former spokesman of the Committee for Public Safety of French

The committee has issued a

citizens in appalling conditions. The National Federation of

An action committee seeking respect for the memory of civilians and military who died

The committee includes such prominent personalities as M

statement saying that it is "shameful to glorify the loss of 15 French departments, the beginning of the massacre of 100,000 Muslims loyal to France, the announcement of the hunting down of French men in Algeria, ad the start of an exodus of a millon French

"L'Aurore" says, has been in-filtrated by the communists and means to celebrate the anniversary of the victory of the Algerian National Liberadefeat of France. For good measure, another

committee intends to celebrate next May and June at Toulan the 150th anniversar yof the landing at Sid Ferruch, near Algiers, of the French expeditionary corps under General de Bourmont, which was the start-ing point of the whole Algerian

The Government does not intend to get involved in this ne wepisode of what President Giscard d'Estaing has described as the Franco-French war. The Minister for Ex-Servicemen said in a letter to the National Association of Ex-Servicemen of Algeria that he would neither take part in the celebrations of March 19 nor put any obstacle in their way.

He points our that President Giscard d'Estaing and the Government fully approve the com-memoration of the dead of the

But the difrent associations of former servicemen must first agree on a date.

Soviet blow for French détente

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, March 18

French Foreign Ministry officials are coming reluct-antly to the belief that the Soviet Union has no intention of withdrawing from Afghanistan until it has crushed all rebellion in the country.

France is the only Western

country to have maintained a close dialogue with the Soviet Union since the Afghan inter-

Ever since the invasion, Faris has sought to keep open its lines of communication with Moscow in the belief that a continued policy of detente was the best way of persuading Soviet leaders to agree to with-

draw their troops.

However, a top-level French

ago has now reported that there seems to be no chance of a Soviet change of heart and that no withdrawal was either imminent or likely.

minent or likely.

The increasing evidence of a major Soviet offensive against guerrilla forces in Afghanistan gives weight to the French missions viewpoint.

The Soviet invasion was described as "inacceptable" by the French from the start, but there was a real belief that a continued dialogue would produce results and that the Kremling smuld be constrained. Kremlin would be constrained to make at least some gesture to make the tension out of the situation.

However, there is little chance that France will alter its belief in détents. There are no plans, for example, to cancel the in-

the Soviet Foreign Minister, to visit Paris later this year.

But it is thought likely that to stay away, at least for the time being, knowing that there can be no fruitful discussions with the French while the Afghan situation remains as it

The French believe that there absolutely no interest at all Moscow for the British idea the "neutralization" of Afghanistan and that no other face-saving way of withdrawing its troops is likely to be considered by Russia. France believes the best way of influenceing a Soviet withdrawal is to to bring pressure on Moscow.

Magistrate murdered by: terrorists on city bus

From Our Correspondent Rome, March 18

Terrorists claimed their ninth victim in Italy's judiciary in less than four years when Signor Girolamo Minervini, aged 60, a magistrate at the Court of Cassation, was killed on a bus in Rome today on his way to work.
Police said four youths

boarded the crowded bus with Signor Minervipi, and one of them fired up to seven times as they stood by him. Three pas-sengers were slightly injured. A telephone call from the Red Brigades subsequently claimed retsponsibility for the murder. Signor Frencesco Cossige, the Prime Minister, immediately went to the scene.

The dead magistrate had a personal bodyguard in his last post, which was with the prison service, but has been without one since joining the Court of Cassation, Italy's highest court of appeal.

The Red Brigades have also

The Red Brigades have also claimed responsibility for kilking Signor Nicola. Giacumbi, the chief public prosecutor in Salerno, on Sunday evening as he returned home with his wife from visiting relatives.

The offensive against the judiciary started in May, 1976, with the murder in Genoa of Signor Francesco Coco, the chief public prosecutor, his bodyguard and driver. An alleged member of the group involved in those killings is on trial in

in those killings is on trial in The most senior judge to have

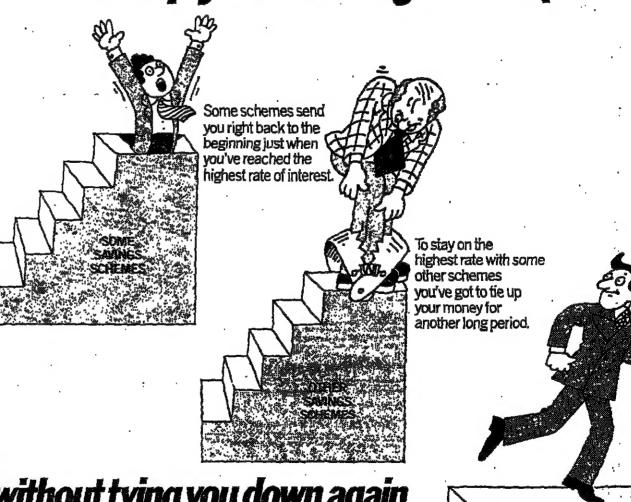
been killed was signor Vittorio Bachelet, the depury head of the Supreme Council of the Magistracy, who was murdered in Rome on February 12

Justice already functions slowly. To strike fear into the judiciary, as well as politicians and industrialists, is evidently part of the terrorists' strategy for destabilizing the state.

Six killed in Turkey

Ankara, March 18 .- Political violence in Turkey has claimed six lives in the past 24 hours.

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US 'intrigues against Olympics' will fail, Moscow asserts

From Michael Binyon Moscow, March 18

The Moscow Olympics will go ahead this summer, the Russians asserted defiantly today, in spite of what they called the intrigues of the enemies of the Olympic movement".

A lengthy leading article in Pravda called the movement to boycott the games an unceremonious interference in sport. sole aim of the movement, it said, was to bolster President Carter's personal ambitions and rosure his reelection.

"In Washington it is no secret that the campaign to wreck the Olympics is being conducted purely for political purposes. Carter and his team' do not need rapprochement between peoples and nations, which is promoted by

the Olympic movement, but splits, disunity and tension."

Pravia did not refer directly to the Geneva meeting called by the United States, Britain and Australia to discuss an alternative sporting competialternative sporting competi-tion, or to the British Parlia-ment's vote for a boycott last

But it accused Mr Lloyd Cutler the White House adviser at the talks, of intentionally misleading sportsmen by trying to convince them that the Carter Administration's venture could replace their participa-

tion in Moscow.

The paper accused Washington of subjecting countries, governments and arhietes to "rude pressure and blackmail". It said threats were being made to refuse pessports for trips to the Soviet Union, to ban leave and the present members of and to prevent members of Olympic teams going abroad.
"Such are human rights and freedoms American style! This is what stands behind the American Administration's prat-tling about civil rights!"

Pravda said that since the start of the modern Olympic movement, its organizers had tried to prevent individuals or

governments from using the games for political or commer-cial benefit. That was fully supported by the Russians. "If sport is turned into a survitor of politics, this spells an end to the Olympic Games and international sports in general."

The stand taken by the American Administration was described as a caricature. Pravda noted that the president of the United States Olympic Committee had commented

Committee had commented on President Carter's remark that his position on the games was irreversible. by saying that nothing was irreversible but folly and death.

The paper also accused the Administration of mixing sport with a policy of undermining detente and cooperation in international affairs.

Meanwhile, a Tass report

Meanwhile, a Tess report from Dublin quoted the presi-dent of the Irish Olympic Committee as saving that the deci-Irish Olympic attaché to British athletes in Moscow was a

"natural step within the Olympic movement".

The Irish strache is Mr Alexei Shturmin, a leading Soviet karate official. He has been offered as a replacement been offered as a replacement for Mr Douglas Martin, the British diplomat who is to be recalled from Moscow, and has just returned from Ireland and

Britain where he had discussions with Olympic officials.

Tass today reported a press conference given in Paris by Mr Vladimir Popov. the deputy chairman of the Soviet organizing committee, who said the present Conference the present Geneva conference was "but one of the episodes of the general anti-Olympic

He added: "We are con vinced that the projects under discussion in Geneva will not enlist any international support since they utterly contradict the Olympic Charter and the traditions of the sports move-

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Round-up of dissidents in **Soviet Union continues**

From Our Own Correspondent Moscow, March 18

The wave of arrests of dissidents and malcontents in and around the five Soviet cities where Olympic competitions are to be held this summer shows no sign of dying down. A leading Estonian dissident who recently called for the games to be moved from Moscow has just been arrested, his wife told Western corre-

Mr Juri Kukk, a former Com-munist Party member and lecturer in chemistry at Tartu University, was picked up by police in Tartu and is now presumed to be in Tallino, the Estonian capital and site of the Olympic yachting competi-

tion.
Mr Kukk has signed several open letters of protest this year, including a call for the transfer of the games from Moscow in protest against Soviet annexation of the Baltic states in 1940.

He lost his lectureship in 1978 after reasouncing his party membership, and his friends now expect him to be charged with anti-Soviet slander.

Meanwhile, Igor Korchnoi, the son of Viktor Korchnoi, the defecting Soviet chess grand-master, has begun serving a two-and-a-balf-year sentence a labour camp imposed on him by a Leningrad court in Decem-bef for evading military call-

His mother, Mrs Bela Korchnoic, said her son left for a camp in the Kurgen region of Central Russia on March 2, and she had not yet received word from him. Mr Korchnoi pleaded no guilt at his trial. His appea

against his sentence was dis His father, now playing in Velden am Wörthersee, Austria, against the Soviet grandmaster Tigran Petrosian, has repeatedly

allowed to join him, but the families of defectors are never allowed to leave the country. If Igor Korchnoi had reported for call-up, his chances of leaving would have been even slimmer as recent conscripts are barred from emigrating on the

ground that they possess mili-

tary secrets.

Sino-US plans to bolster Asia against Russians

From David Cross Washington, March 18

Mr Cyrus Vance and other senior State Department offi-cials have begun talks with Mr Zhang Wenjin, the Deputy Foreign Minister of China, on ways of responding to the Soviet occupation of Afghani-

Well-informed officials described the 10-day visit by Mr Zhang, as a logical follow-up to the January talks in Peking between Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary and Chinese leaders. Mr Zhang is the most senior official from Peking to visit the United States since Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Vice-Premier, came here just over a year ago.

The latest round of talks is expected to focus on parallel steps that Washington and Peking can take to strengthen Pakistan and counter Soviet expansionism in South-West Asia. The Soviet Union has reacted angrily to the visit by claiming, in a Radio Moscow broadcast, that the United States and China are doing all they can to hamper peace in Afghanistan.

Political Editor
As the Prime Minister pre-

pares formally to notify the British Olympic Committee of the Commons vote, by 315 to

147, calling for a boycott of the

Moscow Olympics, the government yesterday had to rectify yet another ministerial blunder in the affair. Its effect was to

reverse an assertion that the

government could control pri-

voluntarily by servicemen's organizations for the British

Olympics Committee. There

had been some disarray at the

end of Monday's Commons de-bate when Mr Michael Hesel-

tine, Secretary of State for the Environment, had pretended

that such funds could be used

The issue was money collected

By Fred Emery

American manufacturers to sell various kinds of military sup-port equipment to China, including cargo aircraft, early warning radar systems, trucks and train

ing equipment.
The Administration's original agreement to sell Peking certain carefully selected items of support equipment also suitable for rilitary use " was announced in January after Mr Brown's visit to Peking.

It was formally approved yesterday when the State De-partment began printing instructions to manufacturers outlining details of permissible sales. Any order totalling more than 57m (about £3.2m) will have to be approved by the State Department and orders exceeding \$25m can be vetoed by Congress under certain conditions.

In a separate development, the 1,800 marines sent by the Pentagon to the Indian Ocean for patrol duty have now arrived in the Gulf region. The marines, who were dispatched from the Philippines area last month, are part of an amphibious task force of four ships equipped with heli-copters, tanks, assault vehicles and anti-tank wearons.

The arrival of the force As the talks opened in Wash-ington, the State Department naval forces in the Gulf area to gave its final approval for 24,000 men.

Government admits money blunder

yesterday quietly pronounced a inoperative ". Since the gov-

ernment cannot, as was made

endlessly clear in the debate.

actually take action against in-dividual athletes in the matter.

it can no more interfere and

prevent the use of private funds

for the purpose for which they

In Mr Heseltine's defence-

yesterday it was observed that

he had been speaking on the

incorrect advice of another de-

partment, in this case the

Ministry of Defence, However,

other ministers were worried at

this turn of events, and Mr

Francis Pym, Secretary of State

for Defence, was said to be

party to vesterday's reversal to release the funds to the EOA.

The government's interference

were collected.

by the BOA "but not as part of the cost of going to the Moscow Olympics". That statement was Denis Howell, the Labour

Governor's wife charmed Rhodesia's leaders and helped the chil From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, March 18

The cheers that rang out in the House of Lords yesterday for Lord Soames, Governor of Southern Rhodesia, should also be directed at Lady Soames, who has stayed with her husband in Salisbury throughout his diffi-cult three-month interregnum.

She has been a remarkable success as the Governor's lady. She has humoured the overworked officials who struggled to keep the British Administration from floundering on the rocks of Rhodesian politics.

She has charmed Rhodesian leaders of all colours and differing political persuasions, not to mention the stream of observers mats who attended the Rhodesian election.

She has also provided good food and good company to those members of the Commonwealth Monitoring Force and press corps who were fortunate enough to be invited to lunch or dinner at Government House. Above all, however, she has been a source of comfort and support to her husband as he performed the immensely difficult task of trying to run a country, an election and a cease-fire all at the same time.

Lady Soames admits she came

able trepidation. "I did not know what I, as the Governor's wife, could or should do", she said during an interview in her elegant but homely drawing room at Government House.

"There was no real precedent for me to follow because my husband had come to Rhodesia in such extraordinary circumstances. I was also not sure how welcome I would be. I know that some Rhodesians held strong feelings about not want-ing us here."

However she was determined time in Rhodesia as possible. "I did not just want to sit in an ivory tower", she said. So, following an interview in the local paper which helped to open a few doors to her, she went around meeting as many people as she could.

Since her arrival in she followed a busy schedule of visits to schools orphanages, refugee camps and training centres as well as official functions she had to attend with her husband. Ir has been a very varied three

Last week, for instance, she



Lady Soames a source of comfort and support to her husband in his immensely difficult task

Lady Soames: Met as many people as she could.

900 Zipra guerrillas at assembly point "Mike" near Lupane, in western Rhodesia, where she had gone to inspect a German "General Dabengwa

Zipra commander) suddenly marched me into the middle of the parade ground and asked me to say a few words to his men. I felt very nervous, just down all right."

She was very impressed with Zipra's drill, which is praise indeed coming from someone married to a former guards

This week Lady Soames is cutertaining Mrs Sally Mugabe, wife of the Prime Minister. designate, for tea at Govern-ment House. "I have not met her yer but I read an interview with her and she sounds so nice. It must have been retrible for her living all those years alone while her husband was

Probably the highlight of her stay has been her involvement with a fund for Rhodesian children which she launched a month ago. She was appalled the conditions she found in the orphanages and refugee camps she visited, but deeply impressed by the dedication of the people and organizations who were helping children

"The idea came to me that all of us who have been here during this period in whatever capacity could do something to help these children." So she wrote to all membe

like a jockey before Beecher's of the Commonwealth Monitor-Brook. But it seemed to go ing Force the Commonwealth Everyone seemed down all right. and British observers, the even those peon election supervisors, the British police contingent and the press corps asking for contributions to her fund.

The response has been excellent. So far she has received about £5,000 in individual conpributions including about £30 from a preelection party given by the press. In addition she has been given £1,000 by the Save the Children Fund whose director-general, Mr John Cumber, was also deputy Election Commissioner.

A cheque for a further £10,000 was received last week from the United Kingdom branch of the International Year of the Child

She intends to announce to which charities the funds will be given shortly before she leaves Rhodesia at independence next mouth.

Despite the obvious pressures she and Lord Soumes have had sue and Lurd Sugmes have had, to endure during the past three months, she would not have missed the experience for anything. She was delighted with the reception she received from with her five ch Africans wherever she went. whom have been "I was never made to feel bury to stay with

obviously suffered

She was surprise but a vote for peac the status quo. It to be anti-white be had been kept out themselves for

Perhaps her de session," she said. "I remember the open air. They the exercise book



Democrats and drums: Senator Edward Kennedy, his wife, Joan (centre), and a leading supporter, Mrs Jane Byrne, mayor of Chicago, watch the city's St Patrick's Day parade as Illinois holds its presidential primary poll.

Castro offer to receive embassy siege guerrillas

gasted that the guerrilles occu-pying the Dominican Republic Embassy in Bogotá be allowed to fly to Havana, along with their hostages and the 70 left-ists who they want released from Colombian jails.

The Colombian Government last night published a message from Dr Castro to President Julio Turbay Ayala, offering a passage to Cuba as a possible solution to the embassy dead-

"If the Colombian Government thinks it would contribute to a solution of the complex situation concerning the Domi nican Republic's embassy, the Government of Cuba is prepared to receive the guerrilla squad, the mostages and politi-cal prisoners via a direct flight, Bogota to Havana," the note

charges d'affaires, and about 16 other people in the embassy faced their twentieth full day as captives of the M-19 radical guerrilla group today.

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, March 18

Hongkong and London.

There has been angry anti-

British reaction in Hongkong over the decision by the Civil Aviation Authority in London to grant only British Caledonian

Airways a licence to operate a

second air service between

Mr Duncan Bluck, the chief

executive of Cathay Pacific, which had expected to become

the supplementary service to British Airways, said such a ruling was only possible because of "Hongkong's colonial status."

spokesman on sport. It trans-

pired that as a result of the

Afghanistan invasion the Minis-

try of Defence put out a tem-porary instruction that outstand-ing funds be withheld from the

BOA. In the event fairly small

sums were involved; RAF and

forwarded their collections; it was mostly collections from

Army servicemen that were

released.

next Tuesday.

withheld. They have now been

In government quarters yes-

terday it was accepted that the BOA were expressing determina-

tion to press ahead and accept

the invitation to Moscow, But

since Sir Denis Follows, chair-

man of the BOA, had seemed to

call for a parliamentary expres-sion of opinion, he now had it,

and it was up to his colleagues

to take note at their meeting

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Navy servicemen had by then

Bogotá, March 18.—President M-19 has demanded the Fidel Castro of Cuba has sug-release of 70 jailed comrades as one condition for freeing the hostages. The Government has rejected the demand. The Cuban offer was pre-

sented to President Turbay on Friday by Senor Fernando Ravelo, the Cuban Ambassador to Colombia. President Turbay said he would bear the offer in

Señor Fernando Gomez Fyns, Uruguayan ambassador here who escaped from a second-floor window in the seized embassy yesterday, was said to have been slightly injured when he dropped to the ground.

moned urgently to the occupied mission when the incrates thought that Senor Virgilio Lovera, the Venezuelan Ambas sador, attack. was having a heart

But it was learnt that Senor Lovera had only suffered a bout of dizziness and was considered well enough to remain in the Reuter and Agence France-

Angry reaction to El Salvador air licence award | clashes leave 53 people dead

San Salvador, March 18 .-Left-wing militants turned yesterday's general strike into a bloody uprising against the El Salvador civilian-military junta, fighting security forces throughout the country.

Officials said at least 53 people were killed in gunfights and bombings, but various reports said the death toll could be higher.

Students occupied the University of San Salvador and carried on a sporadic gun battle with policemen and soldiers surrounding the campus. Clashes were reported in a number of provincial cities and towns, but no casualty figures were available.

Colonel Marco Aurelio Gon-rales, of the National Guard, gave this account of some of the battles: Militants of the Popular

Revolutionary bloc attacked an army unit at Hacienda Colina 30 miles north-east of San Saland 20 people were killed. Twelve people were killed in a battle between guerrilles and

troops in Suchitoto, 23 miles north of the capital, and six

militants were killed trying to set up roadblocks on the outskirts of the capital. Six people were killed in gunfights in San Salvador and one suspect was killed and four of his companions were wounded when a bomb they were placing exploded.—AP.

Protest grows in Iran after poll cheating claims Tehran, March 18.—The bro-ther of Ayatollah Khomeini has Mebdi Bazargan, the former

joined those claiming that there Prime Minister, as well as a was cheating in last Friday's number of IRP nominees and parliamentary election.

In a telegram to President Abolhassan Bam-Sadr, Ayatol-lah Morteza Passandideh said Islamic Republican Party representatives had cheated during elections in his hometown of Khomein, in central Iran. Ayatolish Passandideh acused the IRP of intimidation.

He has supported President

Bani-Sadr, whose cancidates have been overshadowed in early returns by those of the IRP. Ayatollah Passandideh's claim was not taken necessarily to be a reflection of the views of Aystollah Khomeini, who has so far made no public comment on the conduct of the election. President Bani-Sadr said the complaints would be discussed the ruling Revolutionary Council at its meeting tonight. The poll would be invalidated if serious cheating were proved. Vote counting was slow to-day, butday, but so far IRP candidates have a majority of seats decided in the first round. Seats not clearly won will be decided in a second round, in about three weeks'

Moslem Mujahedin organization.

It has been reported that the deputy head of the passport office at the Iranian Foreign Ministry was arrested yesterday on charges of "spying for the United States". Revoluting and guards said Mrs Victoria Bassiri admitted that before the seizure of the embassy she had passed on information to the embassy press officer, Mr William Bell Diarty, one of the 50 American being held

hostage. The revolutionary guards claimed that Mr Diarry had confirmed Mrs Bassiri's state-ments.—Reuter, Agence France-World Court hearing: The United States has accused Iran

of striking "at the jugular" of world peace by condoning the imprisonment of the hostages. Iran did not attend the first public hearing of the hostage case before the International Court of Justice at The Hague, claiming in a letter that the issue was part of a problem that began with United States interference in Iranian affairs

Industrial unrest awa new administration

From Our Own Correspondent Salisbury, March 18 Zimbabwe's new governmentin-waiting has had its first taste labour unrest with a spate strikes involving around 4,000 workers in four factories Salisbury and two in

At one factory in Salisbury sign was placed on the perifence today calling for more pay and new overalls". At another factory a black worker said the stoppage had begun after a white foreman had spar at some black

grievances. He said that w

precipitate action would not only b also have a cripp industry. This, h any improvement conditions of serv Mr Kangai -

around factories and Bulawayo funds would be n the new governm

Mr Mugabe seeks nev trade links with EEC

From Our Own Correspondent over direct resp Salisbury, March 18

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister-designate, has asked Britain to place an appli-cation with the EEC Commis sion for Zimbabwe to become a tion. The request is being conveyed by Lord Soames, Governor of Southern Rhodesia, who is on a brief visit me.

Membership would give the new state access to the \$7,500m (£3,400m) five-year agreement which was negotiated last

Shortly after Britain took cial and technical

Guerrillas claim 2,200 Ethiopians

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, March 18 Fighting has broken out again in the Ogaden Desert between Ethiopian troops and pro-Somail guerrillas of the Western Somalia Liberation Front.

The Front claims that its forces recently killed 2,200 Ethiopian soldiers in clashes at Babile and Jijigz, important Government centres in the Ogaden. In other encounters tanks, armoured cars, lorries and guns were captured by the

The guerrillas have given no details of their own casualities, but say the damage they in-flicted was the heaviest for

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From Our Corresp 12 13 1

for Tehran, but early figures 25 years ago.—NUPI. 100,000 Jews to live on seized Jerusalem la

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, March 18 The Likud Government's con-

troversial decision to defy world opinion and seize 1,000 acres of land to build a new £300m Jewish suburb in East Jerusalem is seen by some Israeli commentators as the final stage in a battle for the Holy City which began with the 1967 war.

Writing in the English-language Jerusalem Past, Mr Abraham Rabinovich, an acknowledged expert on Jeru-salem's recent troubled history, said of Israel's building policy: "At stake is the political character and physical shape of the city at the heart of the Middle East conflict ".

It was on June 7, 1967 that Israeli troops captured the walled Old City of Jerusalem, which had been under Jordanian control for the previous 19 years. About three weeks later, the Knesset formally annexed Jordanian Jerusalem and a large rural area around it, the only territory to be annexed after

Outside observers had no

doubts that the annexation map was drawn along strictly strategic lines aimed at dominating the main approaches to the capital, while at the same time incorporating as few Arabs as possible. To this end, a dozen Arab villages subsequently The largest expropriation found part of their territory order was signed in August, inside the new Jerusalem bound- 1970, when more than 3,000

The annexation tripled the size of Israeli Jerusalem over-

night, but ir was flatly rejec-ted by the international com-munity and the Arab states. As a result, the Israelis realized that they would have to settle Jews there in large numbers in order to establish their claim, a move which could only be achieved by large-scale expro-priation, as little of the land was public and Arab owners would not sell voluntarily.

The success of the project in Israeli terms is demonstrated by the fact that about 60,000 Jews are now living across the green line" in East Jerusalem, more than half of the area's 100,000-strong Arab population. Demographic experts calculate that by the time the latest suburb is completed, the total number of Jews living in the former Arab sector will exceed

Israeli seizure of land in Jerusalem began in January, 1968, and continued at a rapid pace for the next three years, by which time about 30 per cent of the annexed territory had been expropriated. Among those worst hit were the 5,500 Arabs living in the Jewish quar-ter of the Old City, the last of whom was finally forced to leave earlier this month.

acres of land was seized at seven different locations, most of them on the rocky outskirts of the city. The new neighbourhoods subsequently built in-cluded Gilo; an ugly and impos-ing cluster of concrete apartment buildings now standing on the outskirts of Bethlehem.

The expropriation was clearly

strategic, not sentimental, Mr Rabinovich explained. "It simed, in effect, at creating a new wall to defend the ex-panded city. This wall of hous-ing could stake out the city's boundaries in stone, and—if the worst came to the worst—could Late in 1970, the then Labour Government called a halt to land in the annexed y. The Jerusalem territory. The Jerusalem municipality subsequently declined to seize even the small plots of land needed to build up an infrastructure for the new neighbourhoods. This was seen as an effort to reduce friction between Jews and Arabs and instead attempts were made to try to acquire the land by nego-

week's unexpected decision to seize more than suburbs are regi-1.000 acres was therefore the Western diplomats first significant land seizure in annexed territory for 10 years. It followed the United Nationa Security Council's unadimous resolution calling for the dismantling of all Jewish settlements, including the new dismassed the idea of dismassed

preted as a deliber the United Nations. Foreign Minister, a facts.

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employees,
Mr Kumbirzi Kangai, the
Minister-designate for Labour
and Social Welfare, today

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and sugar. The interim agr to expire by the year by which t Zimbabwe Govern If the application is approved, which seems likely, Zimbabwe will become the fifty ninth member of the trade and aid pact which links the EEC with developing nations in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. have negotiated of the Lomé Co duty free and access to the

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Mr Blake had criticized the

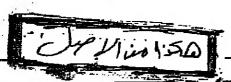
formation would have been wholly unnecessary, and his Lordship was the last person to

seek to impose a duty to obtain unnecessary information upon an already hard pressed local authority. In the matter of housing Wandsworth was indeed extremely hard pressed.

Doubtless immediately after the

Donbiless immediately after the fire the premises were in a poor state and would have required cleaning. The absence of hot water was temporary and something which a reasonable man or woman had to put up with from time to time. Information from Ealing London Borough Council was that the electrical wiring was satisfactory. At the end of the day it was quite impossible to criticize Wandsworth council's decisions.

De Falco v Crawley Borough



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luring the Khmer er's visit to Peking Korea. In his m the opening day ting the question of 's United Nations on was referred to anh Srithirath; the

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arch 18 of government there was no change in Thailand's foreign

Describing Kampuchean refugees as "an enormous burden" for Thailand, General Prem said Thailand was grateful for international support and assistance but further assistance was

essential. He said a high level interinance Minister in national conference was now essential to discuss relief for the Kampuchean people.
"Thailand looks forward

the day when the Kampuchean people can return to their home-land and contribute to its reconstruction", General Prem said.

Meanwhile, their lives should not be put in jeopardy by the warring parties but placed in the care of international humanitaria: personnel in a safe haven along the border, pending their return to their homes in Kampuchea."

international food aid to Kampu-chea has been disrupted by the collapse of two Phnom Penhh's three piers, Mr Michael Swan of Oxfam said in Singapore today. In Bangkok, International Red Cross sources said aid supplies to a Kampuchean refugee camp just across the border from Thailand had been suspended after an incidencing suspended after an incident in-volving their workers and armed Khmer Serei (Free Khmer) bai Prime Minister, Guerrillas on Saturday.-Reuter.

Marcos initiative to **Muslim** rebellion

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that talks be held another try was commanders as settle this prob-

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iarch 16.—A political publisher today told tribunal trying him that Taiwan needed

opposition party to s democratic process.

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ere arrested after an nment riot at Kaohsi-December in which : said 183 security

farch 18 .- President where the Christians outvoted ay said his governwilling to negotiate
Philippines with
rebels in a renewed real autonomy.

The president said today he would only negotiate within the framework set up by the Islamic Conference last year which would limit solutions to e third amiversary sutonomy in the nilippines, the presi-another try.

presi A leading Muslim rebel
was leader was shot dead in Higan
h as City, in the southern Philipi as pines, on Monday when unidenprob- tified gummen opened fire on
him near a busy bassar

til the secessionist aawasa Sapiad Alamada. The trional Liberation Figure 1 and Malaysia tary authorities never compatible to be host sident said he had had been suspected of maintaining ties with the Muslim

Police in Iligan City are also investigating the possibility that Mr Saplad was involved gotiations, that the that Mr Saplad was involved Government was alk with the rebels.

Marcos proclaimed mous regions in the main square. It was said that fellow rebels killed him for feer that he would confess.—

In three years ago that Mr Saplad was involved in a grenade-throwing incident on March 9 which killed several people in the city's main square. It was said that fellow rebels killed him for feer that he would confess.—

Agnce France-Presse.

Two Koreas agree on **Panmunjom**

From Jacqueline Reditt Seoul, March 18

South and North Korea agreed today that the first talks at government level between the two countries would be field at the border village of Panmunjom.

Delegates from the two sides, who met in Panmunjom for more than three hours at a fourth round of working takes, agrede that the first of the proposed inter-governmental meetings would be held either at Freedom House or at Pan-munkak, the South and North Korean buildings that face one another across the border at Panmunjom, in the demili-tarized zone.

The venue for ensuing talks would be decided upon by Mr Shin Hyon Hwack, the South Korean Prime Minister, and his northern counterpart, Mr Li Jong Ok, when they met.

Mr Lee Dong Bok, the spokes-man for the South, Korean delegation, said delegates had delegate took the floor. Mr Soubanh Srithiarath attacked what he called "Peking reactionary authorities" who, the said, posed a threat to Laotian sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity—Agence France-Presse.

Aid-flow disrupted: The floor integrity integrational form.

The North Koreans, who in the last meeting, agreed "in principle" to the South's proposal to draw up an agenda before the meeting between the two prime ministers, said today the premiers should seek a peaceful unification of the fatherland. The South Korean delegation said this was the long term aim of the talks but was not specific enough to constitute an agenda.

The South presented a threeitem draft agenda that gave priority to establishing mutual trust and understanding between the two Koreas and to easing the suffering of families who have been separated for up to 30 years because of the division of the country.

Item number two was to establish peace in the Korean peninsula and only after that did they suggest the prime ministers tackle the larger issue of unification.

Meanwhite, General Chung Seung Hwa, the South Korean former acroy chief of staff, who was sentenced to 10 years im-prisonment last week, has had his sentence reduced to seven

Mr Choo Young Bok the De-fence Minister, today con-firmed the reduced sentence for General-Chung, who still claims be is innocent. General Chung d settle this probid for all ".

Marcos did not The rebel leader, considered was found guilty of helping Kim was found guilt

overthrow the government.
The prosecution had asked y trusted him since he for a sentence of 15 years for General Chung is expected to appeal against the sentence.

Royal visit to Japan

Tokyo, March 18.—King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden will pay an official visit to Japan as state guests from April 13 to 19, it was announced in Tokyo.

n publisher Gandhi party accused of creating law problems

states, kasmin and West ben-gal, in separate moves today, both accused Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party of seeking to engineer law and order problems in their states to provide the Prime Minister with the pretext for fresh state elections there.

there.

Mrs Gandhi has already ordered assembly elections in nine important states in what is seen as an obvious attempt to extend her power by installing Congress administrations. Rashmir is ruled by a predominantly Muslim regionalist party led by Shaikh Abdullah, and Marxist communists are in nower in West Bengal.

ter the trial opened Huang denied that ine aimed to incite s_to overthrow the Shaikh Abdullah told the However, Mr Gandhi, now a shink one-party rule will for Taiwan now.

It sponsored rally at on December 10 to World Human Rights urned into a riot.—

Shaikh Abdullah told the However, Mr Gandhi, now a Member of Parliament, faces M

with her. Today's remarks sig-nal he has given up that course. From Richard Wies

Delta, March 18

The chief ministers of two of India's sensitively situated of India's sensitively situated

Mr Ghani Khan Chaudhary, the Indian Energy Minister, who is a Bengal Congress leader, said a few weeks ago that the Marxists "must be thrown into the Bay of Bengal"

Charge dismissed: A district judge has dismissed a criminal conspiracy charge against Mr Sanjay Gandhi, son of the Prime Minister, for influencing the Delhi Municipal Corporation to buy a chemical for treatment of water

Murdoch in £200m air deal

glas Aiton , March 18 established himself as l international pub-ticularly in the United lear that Mr Rupert ralian aviation history.
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gest contract and one of the toughest they have ever Angest will buy five 767 jets, 12 100-sear 737-200 series twen jets, with options on a further four, and four long-range 227-200 tri-jets. At about the same time that these artraft start ee of cooperation, charge and that In later this year, Trans-Australian a this week, along Airlines will begin using their

with Sir Peter Abeles, his joint chief executive, and Mr Tex Bouliform, president of the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, Mr Murdoch signed the biggest aircraft deal in Australian aviation history.

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"These new planes will enable us immediately to build up
flight schedules and services on flight schedules and services on the principles of convenience, reliability, sophistication and speed," he said.

"It is well known that we have ambitions to fly beyond Australian shores and there is sufficient market at certain

sufficient market at certain times between Sydney and Mel-bourne to take a wide-body." Mr Murdoch has not yet made clear his plans for flying beyoud Australia except for vague mentions of Singapore and New Zealand. Within Australia he plans to compete more vigorously with TAA on the inter-city routes, and also open up some new routes.

Law Report March 18 1980

Council right to find family intentionally homeless made the appropriate inquiries and were satisfied that they had become homeless intentionally. The Act placed the responsibility for making the relevant findings as to homelessuess, priority need and intentional homelessness on the council as the housing authority, and it was well sertied that the court was in no sense a court of appeal from their decisions unless it appeared that decision was one

Miller and Another v Wandsworth London Borough Council Before Mr Justice Waiton [Judgment delivered March 17] His Lordship refused a mandatory injunction ordering the local [Judgment delivered March 17]

Ris Lordship refused a mandatory injunction ordering the local
authority to provide accommodation under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act. 1977, for a
family who, after a fire had
damaged the kitchen of their flat,
had voluntarily terminated their
tenancy or their licence to occupy
it. The applicants, Mr Grame
Witham Miller, and his wife, Mrs

son for the local authority.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the Millers were living in rented accommodation in Churchfield Road, Acton, in Ealing London borough up to August 4, 1979, although conceivably they were only licensees. For present purposes it did not matter, since the housing (Homeless Persons) Act

expecting a baby.

on August 4, during the night, there was an explosion in the kitchen due to an electrical fault in the water heater. The damage caused was comparatively minor, being limited to internal decorations and the heater, which was completely burnt out. They spent

Court of Appeal

Wife's £39,000 for life story taxable as such had no "independent

of Taxes)
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Dunn.

[Judgments delivered March 17] Payment of £39,000 by the News of the World under a contract made in London to the wife of one of the Great Train robbers, who was at the time living in Canada, for providing ber story for publication, for publication, is a profit accruing from property situated in the United Kingdom and chargeable to income tax under the provisions of section 108 of the Income and Corporation Taxes

Act, 1970. The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the tax-paver, wife of Charles Wilson and

dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer, wife of Charles Wilson and
known as Mrs Patricia Alloway,
from a decision of Mr Justice
Brightman ([1979] 1 WLR 564)
upholding an assessment made on
her under Case VI of Schedule D
of £39,000 for 1967-68.
Section 108 provides for
Schedule D tax to be charged
on "annual profits or gains
arising or accruing— . . . (iii)
to any person, whether a British
subject or not, although not resident in the Umited Kingdom from
any property whatever in the
United Kingdom".
Mr. Marcus Jones for the taxpayer; Mr. Brian Davenport for
the Crown.
The MASTER OF THE ROLLS
said that Charles Wilson was convicted for his part in the robbery
and sentenced to 30 years bitt
escaped from prison and went to
live in Canada with his wife. In
1968 police discovered them, and
he was returned to prison in England. His wife remained in Canada,
and it was there that she provided
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Alloway v Phillips (Inspector of Taxes)
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waller and Lord Justice Dunn.

was paid by the paper to the taxpayer's solicitors in London in pager's solicitors in London in pager in the long in pager in the long in the lo

In 1974 she was assessed to tax on the payment and there then came to light a written agreement dated February, 1968, purported to have been made between the newspaper, the taxpayer "acting through her agent", and Charles Wilson. It provided for her to make available in Canada information about her life experiences to a News of the World journalist. Was the agreement binding? The special commissioners found that she had not expressly authorized it but had ratified it by all that she had done in implementing its

she had done in implementing its terms. The circumstances were such as to warrant the clear inference that she was adopting the agent's acts whatever they were. Thus the agreement became as binding on the parties as it would have been had she previously authorized it. The next question was whether

The next question was whether the taxpayer was liable to pay tax on the £39,000 in 1967-68. Doubtless if she was liable at all it was for that year because the "profit" must be taken as "accruing" in the period in which it was earned even though it was not received until a later period. But at that time the taxpayer resided in Canada and provided the information there. Thus the crucial point was whether the payment was a "profit accruing from property in the United Kingdom". The taxpayer dended having any property in the United Kingdom, and said that she derived her profit from the services she performed in Canada. The couract, it was submitted, was no more than machinery for collecting her reward for those services, having and it was there that she provided the well-paid information to the News of the World. The money

as such had no "independent vitality".

Support for those propositions, it was said, was to be found in Stainer's Executors v Purchase ([1952] AC 280) Carson v Chevney's Executor ([1959) AC 412) and Hume v Asquith ([1959) AC 412) and Hume v Asquith ([1959) 2 Ch 58). But those cases had no application to the present where the taxpayer was resident in Canada and rendered her services there.

The taxpayer did have property

rendered her services there.

The taxpayer did have property in the United Kingdom: namely choses in action—the right to receive 39,000 from the News of the World. She had no property in Canada—no copyright there. She only had the information in her head that she gave to the reporter. That was not a species of property known to English law. Moreover if the revenue law of Canada was the same as that of England, she would not have been liable to tax there as she was not carrying on a trade there.

Many people regretted the practice of some newspapers of paying money to criminals or their wives for sensational stories. But there appeared to be nothing illegal in it. If, however, they did receive such sums they ought to pay tax on their profit. The appeal should be dismissed.

e dismissed. LORD JUSTICE WALLER, con-LORD JUSTICE WALLER, concurring, said that the commissioners had found the sum to be income and not capital. The taxpayer's alternative argument to to contrary on that point, namely that once the sum was paid by the newspaper the taxpayer's rights under the contract ceased to exist, could not be upheld. That it was income was a finding of fact and there was ample evidence on which the commissioners could so find.

find.

Lord Justice Dunn delivered a concurring judgment.

The appeal was dismissed with costs.
Solicitors: David Lewis & Co.
Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

provided that a person who had a licence to occupy property was not "homeless", and in any event the landlady was not wishing to evict them at the earliest worth.

Mr Miller, who earned £75 a worth, who earned £75 a worth, while the landlady had asked them to stay elsewhere expecting a baby. worth.

Mr Miller, who earned £75 a week, stated that the landlady had asked them to stay elsewhere while the flat was being repaired, but was unable to say when the repairs would be done. They were unhappy about returning to the flat, and on August 5 he told the landlady that they did not intend to return. Shortly after he instructed solicitors to try to recover a month's rent of £130 paid as a deposit.

appear from their decisions unless it appeared that decision was one which no reasonable authority, having made the proper in-quiries, could have made. was that the Millers either de-That explained why, when on August 9 the Millers had an interview with the homeless persons unit in Wandsworth, Mrs Blyth, paid as a deposit. liberately gave notice to quit or to terminate their licence, or deliberately neglected to pay the unit in Wandsworth, Mrs Blyth, the local government officer concerned, formed the impression that they had no intention of returning to the flat. She had advised them to retain the tenancy until it was known what was the extent of the damage and whether it could be repaired for them to move back in. The information conveyed by the Millers was: that there was no reason why they could not remain in the flat once the repairs were done and provided they paid the rent, and that pending such repairs, if the work took place within a short time, they had accommodation with Mrs. Miller's mother.

On the basis of that information rent of premises which were available for their continued occupation and which it was reasonable for them to continue to occupy. Was that conclusion unreasonable? His Lordship thought not. Mr Blake had criticized the council for not having made more inquiries before the letter of August 10, but such criticism could not be justified. The council had obtained from the Millers themselves all the necessary information—that they were not, homeless. To obtain further information would have been

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On the basis of that information the council wrote on August 10 advising them to maintain payments of rent and warning them that failure to safeguard the tenancy would mean that if at a later date they presented themselves as homeless, the council would be unable to assist since they could be considered intentionally homeless." Implicit the advice was that it was reasonable to 20 on paying the rent for a short period while repairs were carried out. The work was in fact done in September.

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On December 20 the Millers again presented themselves as homeless indicating that Mrs Miller's mother could not house them after Christmas. After further in quiries the council wrote on January 25, stating that the council had decided that the Millers were "in priority need and homeless "but that they were intentionally 50" as they had falled to retain their renancy of the flat, and that in those circumstances the council took no responsibility for permanent rehousing and could only offer bed and and could only offer bed and breakfast accommodation for 28 breakfast accommodation for the local authority to secure that accommodation was made available to them until the hearing of the action.

Mrs Miller's baby was born accommodation. The council had second for missed.

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De Falco v Crawley Borough
Council (The Times, December 13)
showed that the code of guidance,
which had been relied on by Mr
Blake, was something which the
council must have regard to, but
it did not have statutory effect. on the question whether an injunction should be granted merely on the balance of convenience, the De Falco case recognized that, in spite of American Cyanimid, in the present type of case the former rule had to be followed and the court had to assess, as best it could, the strength of the rival cases. The motion must therefore be dismissed.

Solicitors: Fisher Meredith:



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Players from Real Madrid, like Del Bosque, Angel and Juanito have ball skills that would make some players feel like taking up tiddlywinks. Cunningham, our man in Madrid, is chosen and will, I hope, this time exude the sort of contidence and verve he showed so menacingly against Celtic in the European Cup tie a fortulght ago. He has the pace and finish to destroy any defence in the world if only he can believe this. Greater confidence in his own ability is a quality sometimes lacking in Coppell's wing play, too, these days, but Mr Greenwood again puts his faith in the little man who has, nevertheless, served England well.

Mr Greenwood has rightly given Johnson another chance. The Liverpool centre forward was injured against the Republic of

Struggling York

York City, seventh from bottom of the Fourth Division yesterday dismissed their manager, Charlie Wright. The dismissal was aumounced in an official statement from the board of directors.

Mr Wright joined York from Bolton, where he was chief coach, in November. 1977, and led York away from the re-election zone to truth in the tabe last season. A

Scot, he playde in goal for Mor-ton, Rangers, Workington Town, Griensby Town, Charlton Aduletic

and finally Bolton before a back injury forced his retirement in

Barry Lyons a former Nottinghem Forest player, and youth coach with York since last June,

Attractive pairing

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With the minor surprise of Alan Kennedy's name among the B party it means that Liverpool are likely to have 10 of their 11 first team regulars on international daty next week; Dalglish, Souness, and Hansen are bound to be in the Scotland party for the match with Portugal at Hampden Park. It is enough to give Jimmy Case an inferiority complex.

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New Zcaland this season but with-drew because of injury.
Alan Kennedy, at 25, may be making his first appearance at this level, although he has six under-23 caps. In contrast to Devonshire Liverpool paid Newcastle United £300,000 in 1978 for this full back who has settled after a shaky

start.
More interesting choices for the match at Sunderland are, if you will excuse the repetition, Sunderland. Arsenal's eager stricker, Birties. Nothingham Forest's goal-hungry forward." (mainly because he has not scored any lately), Mariner, among the goals again for Ipswich Town, and Ward, Brighton and Hove Albion's twinkling star.



McDermott: his contributions were recognized

The selection for England of Shaun Elliott might surprise a few as well, not least because of his name. He halls from Haydon Bridge, which is apparently in Northumberland, and he is the local selection from the Roker Park club.

SENOR PARTY: R. Clemenco (Livergool). P. Shillion (Northugham Forest., P. Neal (Livergool). T. Cherry (Leets United). P. Thompson (Livergool). D. Walson (Southampton). E. Richas (Northumbton). E. Richas (Northumbton). E. Richas (Marchester Dulised). R. Wilkins (Marchester United). R. Wilkins (Marchester United). T. Rrookins

Fixture backlog

West Ham hopes

Fixture congestion could seri-

hopes of West Ham United, whose game at Oldham Athletic

last night was postponed because

of anow. West Ham have played 30 games-fewer than any other club in the Second Division-and

must try to squeeze their remaining 12 games into the last eight weeks of the season. They will almost certainly have to play after the FA Cup final on May 10.

threaten the promotion

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Cauldron of noise will give Celtic the real test From a Special Correspondent

Madrid, March. 18 Celtic step out tomorrow afternoon to defend their two-goal lead
in the quarter-final round of the
European Cup in an atmosphere
of g. Wembley cup final. The
towering Bernabea stadium will
be packed to the flagposts with
100,000 official spectators crammed
into their places and another
5,000 unofficial ones crowding the
aisles. aisies. It will be this ceiling caldron

of noise as much as Real Madrid who will provide the real test for a young Celtic team. The internationals among them may be used to the Hampden roar but the Bernabeu equivalent, with trumper and dram arromantment is unite and drum accompaniment, is quite different. Some say that on a clear day it can be heard on Clydeside. Rurely in the long illustrious history of Real Madrid has a game attracted so much excitement and interest. There have been vast queues for tickets for the past two days and today's black market price for a stand seat was \$1.50. The total takings will be nearly \$500,000, a club and a European record. Two of professional tennis's most celebrated couples are poised to meet each other in a special "lore doubles" contest at "love doubles" contest at London's Battersea Park on Monday, May 19. The Wimbledon champion, Bjorn Borg and his Romanian fiancee, Mariana Simionescu, face Britain's John Lloyd and his American wife, The Celtic team had a one hour practice in the stadium yesterday afternoon and all the players said

that the lush green turf was to their liking. Celtic have two prob-lems. George McCluskey is suffer-ing from an ankle injury and Tom ing from an ankle jujury and Tom McAdam has a slight groin injury, but the manager, Billy McNeil, hopes that both will be fit on the afternoon of the match.

Real also have injury problems. Their veteran captain, Francisco Pixri, is still suffering from a thigh injury and star striker, has a back injury but both are expected to be fit.

About 3,000 Scottish supporters

to be fit.

About 3,000 Scottish supporters have been swarming through the streets of Madrid these past two days draped in the green and white colours of Cettic and giving imprompts bagpine contests and imprompts baggipe contests and concerts to astonished passers-by. They too will make their presence feit in the stands. And perhaps on this note it was curious that Real Madrid yester-day paid for a nine-trok advertise. day paid for a nine-inch advertise day paid for a nine-inch advertisement in all the national papers warning spectators about excesses on the stands.

REAL MADRID (probable): M. G. Remon, I. Sam Jose, C. Benito, J. Martiner "Pirt" (captain). T. Camacho, A. Sanios, U. Steffe, V. Del Bosque, J. Comer Juanio V. Del Bosque, J. Comer Juanio V. C. Sanitiana, L. Cimningham, CELTIC (probable): P. Latchtord, A. Sanidon, T. McAdam, R. Macdanaid, D. McGrain (captain), D. Proton, R. Juten, M. Macleod, J. Doyle, G. McLusky, R. Lennax.—Resior,

Cup matches have been largely responsible for the backlog and a draw in the semi-final against Everton at Villa Park on April 12 would add a replay to the crowded fortone list. The Oidham match will now be played on Tuesday, April 29. The club's other outstanding match, away to Chariton Athletic will probably be on Bank Holiday Monday, May 5.

Eddie Chapman, the West Ham secretary, said: "It is a night-mare. We will have to play two matches a week to the end of the season. If we have further post-ponements or a replay, I don't know what we will do. Fixture congestion cost us promotion last season and we face an uphill battle now."

Arsenal's most frightening moment

From Stuart Jones Göteborg, March 18 A tragic headline, reminiscent of Munich in 1958, was in the of Munich in 1958, was in the making as the Arsenal team prepared to land here for their European Cap Winners' Cup the tomorrow might. A green sight, signifying that the nose wheel was down, remained off, as did a secondary light, and the captain was forced to fly low past the control rower for a visual check to be made.

Although it was confirmed that the wheel was locked properly in position, passengers were asked the wheel was locked properly in position, passengers were asked to remove spectacles and other sharp objects as emergency procedures were carried our below. After circling for 10 anxious minutes over the bleak, wooded landscape, the aeroplane finally touched down safely on Swedish soil. Arsenal's most frightening moment of the journey was over. Wrapped in a comforting 5—1 lead from the first leg, even the temperature (-2°C) is unlikely to hinder their progress to the semi-final round. A soft, Irish voice put it succincily: "If we don't go through, we should be shot?" It was Brady speaking and he is sure to have much more to say

go through, we should be shot ". It was Brady speaking and he is sure to have much more to say during the contest itself.

He stands in Europe's shop window and is unlikely to have another chance to show his wares so freely. A fortnight ago, Göteborg were in awe of him and with his left foot he opened up their defence. Sunderland, twice, Price and Young took advantage and Brady capped it all by scoring the goal of the rain-swept night. Sunderland will not be there tomorrow and there is still a doubt about Stapleton. Vaessen comes in for his usual European appearance—he has more experience there than in the First Division—and Rice is fit to return to the team that brushed Manchester City aside last Saturday.

Göteborg, known as The Angels, will need all the help from the blue heaven; above their fair Garden City. Their hopes, however faint, rest on the broad shoulders of Nilson, one of four internationals, who scored the opening goal in the first leg. He has enough spring in his legs to exploit any gaps that Arsenal may be careless enough to leave.

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Nordin leads the side from midifield and, like Nilson, performed in Arsentina during the World Cup. He will share the task of trying to quieten Brady with Holmgren another international. Holmgren has an unusual distinction. His career started with Gallivare, a club whose pitch lies north of the Arctic Circle.

Busiest of the Göteborg side is again likely to be Olaffson, a goalkeeper with 13 Icelandic caps to his name. He relishes nothing in the zir, as Arsenal soon discovered, but was to hisme for none of the five he has already conceded. Indeed, his flying leap near the end at Highbury prevented it from being six.

The magnificent Utleri Stadium is surrounded by a thin late covering of snow but a plastic abset above and heating underneath will ensure that the surface is perfect.

ensure that the surface is perfect. That will suit Arsenal. If events go as expected, both here and in East Garmany, Arsenal will return on Thursday as England's sole remaining ambassadors in Europe. Welsh Cup date Swansea meet Shrewsbury in the semi-final of the Weish Cup while in the other semi-final Newport entertain non-league Merthyr. Both ties are to be played on March 25.

Forest can placate themselves in the event of elimination

From Norman Fox Football Correspondent East Berlin, March 18

Having lost their unbeaten record in the European Cup a formight ago at their own ground, Nortingham Forest start Their quarter-final round second leg the here tomorrow (6 o'clock) a goal down to Dynamo Berlin and in serious danger of elimination. down to Dynamo Berlin and in day, serious danger of elimination.

It would be better for Forest.

A recovery is still possible but to forget Saturday when Needham in the event of failure Forest can and Shilton caused the confusion in the event of failure Forest can be piacared with the knowledge that they have come a long way in a short time. To have won the irophy last year and still be among the leading eight teams in Europe is no trivial achievement for a club only three seasons out of the second division.

The situation facing them here The situation facing them here is similar to last season's semi-final round when they were held to a 3—3 draw at home by Cologne yer won 1—0 in Germany to reach the final in which they beat Maimö. The scorer of the decisive good in Cologne was Bowyer who will play tomorrow in preference to Bowles and has achieved the spriftent record of four scale.

changes from the first leg. Anderson, who was suspended, now returns to give more speed and aggression on the right side. This leg win had overotime it is Buyus who is suspended leng win had overotime it is Buyus who is suspended leng win had overotion being cantiones in the first leg, so Needham retains a place of the suspending in the League Cop final defeat by Wolverhampton Wanderers at Wembley on Satur-day.

and Shilton caused the confusion that gave Wolves their goal, and also that Needham and Lloyd formed the central defendive partnership that permitted Cologue to store three goals last season. The third change is that of Bowyer for Bowles, who made little progress in the first leg and would probably not relish what is likely to be a tight, ferce comest.

Forest's need for a goal pro-

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Forest's need for a goal, preferably early, may be assisted if
Dynamo decide that their slender
advantage is not a sufficient
guarantee against defeat. Should
the Germans, attempt to throw
everything into the attack their
defence may open the way for
Forest's counser attacks. One
senses that this is unlikely to be
the case and that Dynamo will
not take undue risks. They again
pin their faith in the only outstanding forward in their side,
Riediger, an East German international who scored the only goal
in Nottingham and came close
to adding another near the end.

Although not overflowing with will play tomorrow in preference to Bowies and has achieved the significant record of four goals in his last six European appearances, including two in three games this season.

As Brian Clough, the manager said. Forest desperately need a goal "and Bowyer has the physical strength to answer the demand at a time when Birtles is suffering from a personal famine of goals and Francis is still causing Mr Clough considerable misgivings.

Mr Clough said: "Francis is not exactly on trial but he is under a lot of pressure as a striker. We look to the front players to score goals. He must be aware of the criticism. This is an ideal opportunity for him to put himself right—but that applies to everybody."

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Today's fixtur

England scotches American career to manage Wales home internationals in May, he intends to go straight to his predecessor, now manager at Hull, for advice. "I have every respect for Mike" Mr England said, "and will be bending his ear between now and the home internationals. I shall also ring Weish captain Terry Yorath, "I have no plans to find a new captain. I played under Terry and he has the sort of attitude and dedication that I want from the whole Weish team." Mr England has set his sights

his back on a small fortune in the United States to manage Walet. Mr England, who is 38 and a former Blackburn Rovers, Tottenham Hotspur and Cardiff City-centre-half, accepted a three-year constact as successor to Mike Smith. But it will mean a drastic cut to his salary of last year, when he earned 70,000 dollars winle combining a football carreer with Seattle Sounders and a real estate husiness.

Today he gained preference over Jimmy Armfield. Terry Casey and Danny Bergera for the Welsh job, which offers little more than £15.000 a year, plus a car. But Mr England said: "Money has never been an important thing in my life. Other things are far more important. It is not every day that you are asked to manage your country, and it is that opportunity which motivates me more than anything else."

Mr England earned 44 caps for Wales. He joined Seattle in 1976 and plans to return there later this week to clear up his affairs. Without an opportunity to see the Welsh squad in action before the

as a reward for his eight years' service to the club. Oldbam Athletic were prepared to pay 570,000 for Houston earlier this season, but he turned down the

Houston's reward Manchester United are to give their Scottish international defen-der, Stewart Houston, a free transfer at the end of this season

Terry Casey was appointed the Welsh Director of Coaching and Development. Aged 42, and ten times an amateur international with Wales, he is currently the Football Association's staff coach in North West England. Passes for five Only five clubs from the Northern Premier and Southern Leagues have received the peces-sary gradings to qualify them for possible promotion to the Alliance Premier League next season. They

are Frickley Athletic, Runcorn, Workington, Dantford and Kidder-

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Mr England has set his sights on Wales participating in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain. First, however, they must qualify from A group that includes Russia. Czechoslovakia, Iceland and Turkey. Mr England said: "I know Wales has not qualified since 1958, but I've always thought positively and with two teams going forward from the group. I think it is a goal that is obtainable."

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Spurs' kit deal Tottenhwu Hotspi

Badminton

Indonesia hope to make a unique clean sweep

By Richard Streeton Indonesian players are hoping to make badminton history by win-ning all five titles when the five-day All-England champlonships, day All-England championships, aponsored by John Player, start at Wembley today. No country has ever completed a clean sweep at the event, although Indonesia came close last year when only the women's singles eluded them. Despite the arrival of official world championships on the calendar, the All-England has retained an importance and tradition in the game second to none.

A changed format this year

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A changed format this year brings the last eight in singles into opposition on Friday, with the semi-final rounds on Saturday and all five finals on Sunday afternoon for the first time. A total of £10,500 prize money is at stake with the men's singles winner receiting £1,000, a tenfold increase on last year's £100 first prize. The women's champion receives £750. During the tournament there will be some intense lobbying of International Badminton Federation delegates by England, Denmark and India who are all seeking to host the 1983 World Championships.

Liem Swie King of Independent

the men's winner for the past two rears, is seeded to play Morten Frost Hansen, of Denmarli, in the final. If all-round power and skill are taken for granted, it is a match that could be billed as speed versus subflety. There is no reason to doubt that Swie King will be in peak form, although, in the Indonesian habit, he has not been seen at many tournaments since last winning at Wembley. The gruelling preparation over several mouths in those special private training camps near Jakarta, however, has always proved sufficient in the past.

Denmark's reigning world Frost Hansen, of Denmark, in the

Denmark's reigning world champion, Flemming Delfs, is in the same half of the draw, but has lacked consistency lately and has a poor record against Indonesians. Swie King's hardest march might come in the fourth round against Thomas Khilström, of Sweden, who enjoys the same rapid hard-hitting style as the champing.

experienced than most of his main rivals, has the dangerous Prakash Padukone of Iudia to get past in the semi-final stage. Padukone in the past formight has won

and procress to a final against the bolders. Hadinata Christian and Imelda Wigoeno, of Indonesia. Mrs Gilks and Mrs Perry are seeded second in the women's doubles behind the holders, Miss Verawaty and Miss Wigoeno. Frost Hansen, who at 22 is less For the record

Tennis

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both the Danish and Swedish championships and might have been second seeded if the draw had been made later than it was. Padukone, a delicate touch player, has been sharpening his same with results player, the beautiful player, has been sharpening his same with results a might be the same with the player when the player.

injured recently in a match when China beat Indonesia 5—4. That scoreline alone makes the enthusiast hope that bedminton politics will have been mended enough by next year to permit the Chinese to enter at Wemblet. I Lene Küppen. Demark's defending champion, will start forourite to win the women's singles again though it will be far from easy for her. In the final she is expected to meet the tail, nowerful Wiharjo Verawaty, of Indonesia, who has recently been below her best. Miss Köppen's main problems could come earlier against another Indonesia, Lie-Ing Hoa Ivana, who beat her in the Danish championships. Hoa Ivana, who beat her in the Danish championships.
Gillian Gilks, England's only realistic hope of a singles title winner, is in the same half of the draw as Saori Kondo, of Japan, and Miss Köppen and both these opponents have proved trolbesome to Mrs Gilks in the past. Kæren Bridge, the second English girl seeded, should reach the last eight and justify her recognition.

Helen Troke, a 15-year-old Helen Troke, a 15-year-old Hampshire schoolgirl, who gained one of the qualifiers' places last weekend in the women's singles, has already carred a niche for herself as the youngest player to compete in the all-England championships since they started in the 1890s. Miss Troke is a few months younger than Mrs Gliks was when she first played in the tournament at 15 as Gillian Perrin. Miss Troke starts against another qualifier,

at 15 as Gillian Perrin. Miss Troke starts against another qualifier, Nicola Bewiey (Avon) and the winner plays Mrs Gilks.

Mike Tredgett and Nora Perry, the top seeds in the mixed doubles, represent England's best chance of a title win. They should meet Svend Pri (Denmark) and Mrs Gilks in the semi-final round and procress to a final against

Robins's Young England NJ 123 for 0 124 v 00075 (K Sharp 60 hot out; C W J Athrey 49 not out). Young England won by 10 wickels. Rackets

Rugby League Call to break

off relations with France

By Keith Macklin.

The England Rugby League international committee will debate next Wednesday a proposition that international games with France should be abandoned at all levels because of violence on and off the field. However, more restrained counsels should prevail at the meeting, and such a wide ranging and unequivocal ban is unlikely to be recommended.

The call comes from Bill Oxiey, chairman of the England selectors. The call comes from Bill Oxley, chairman of the England selectors, who flew back with the team from Narbonne scething with anger at the behaviour of the French team, spectators and officials at Sunday's European championship decider.

England won 4—2 to retain the title but an English forward, Kevin Rayne, of Wakefield Trinity, was kicked in the face and taken to hospital unconscious. When the English referee Billy Thompson, disallowed a late French try for a glaring and obvious forward pass, he was surrounded and jostled by the French team, left the field to a storm of booing and beer cans, and tad to be escorted from his dressing room by the gendarmerie.

The day before, at Oldham, the Great Britain Colts team had been subjected to punches, kicks and late tackles in a match against France, controlled, to use the term His namesake. David Oxley, secretary general of the Rugby League, said yesterday that he respected the sincere feelings of the chairman of the selectors, but would counsel a more restrained and diplomatic approach to try to solve what was an undoubted problem of great seriousness. "England did not campaign to pioneer. lem of great seriousness. "England did not campaign to pioneer the game in France in the 1930s to abandon it now," said Mr Oxley.

Tennis

Mottram has tostruggle to beat American

Frankfurt, March 18.—Britain's No 1 Christopher Mottram, recovered after a shaky start to defeat the young American, Kevin Curren, in the first-round of the WCI tournament here. Mottram dropped the first set 3—6, but worked hard to come back into the match and rock the second set the match and took the second set 6—4. In the third set the British player raced home 6—0. Other first-day tournament winRugby Union

Rosslyn Park prepare for the 42nd annual flood

For the first four days of next week Rossian Park Rugby Pootball Club will be awash with schoolboys, some three thousand of them of all ages, shapes and sizes. This annual flood, now in its forty-second year, is known better, of course, as the National Schools seven-a-side tournsment. As always, the chary this year is bigger than before with 275 schools competing in what must be, of its kind, the world's most prestigious event. prestigious event.
The administration involved in

a mammoth exercise such as this cannot be easily imagined; the organization over the four playorganization over the tom playing days must be, quite simply,
awetome. This year promises to
be more exacting still, for, as a
result of last season's heavy programme at the Bank of England
where the priches took a fearful
hammering, the ground there is
not now available.

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Thus the Erst five rounds of the Festival competition for schools playing rugby in one term only, will be played on six pitches of the University of London and the BBC at Motspur Park, and KCS Old Boys on the Kingston by-pass. The subsequent four rounds on Tuesday will take place as before on Rosslyn Park's main pitch. The Open tournament will be subject to the same arrangements, with the final three rounds

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They are agreed the main problem
is the difficulty of assessing the
talent they feel oure exists in the
country's 131 clubs—when nomi-

taking place at the Park on Thursday.

Derek Tanner, chalrman of the organizing committee, said yesterday that he had felt obliged to make one slight alteration to the rules governing entry into the Festival event. Costs facing schools from Ireland, for example, were very heavy—in the region of \$1,000—and with this in mind an exception had been made for a handful of schools who come from afar and play rugby in two of the winter terms. Campion School, from Greece, will be the turnsment's only overseas visitors Record to maintain: Marcus Taylor, of Cowley High School, St Beleus, captains the England 16-stroup team against Portugal at Twickenham today. Taylor, a scrum half who has been playing rugby since the age of 11 and who is also a talented badminton and tennis player, is one of three representatives from his school.

He is joined by Ian Aspinall, in the centre, and David Roy, at No & England heart of the contre, and David Roy, at No & England heart of the contre, and David Roy, at No & England heart of the contre, and David Roy, at No & England heart of the contre, and David Roy, at No & England heart of the Concept's School, Measure of the Concept's School, Measure of the Concept's School, Responden; D. Narman (St. Anselm's Colloge, Merseystido). M. Taylor (Cowley HS), Campinh; C. Kane Whitehavan (School), R. Watson (Howquay HS), P. Charlton (Westfields School, Redcar).

All-white team still expect to play Lions

Salisbury, March 18.—Southern Rhodesia's all-white rugby feam are expecting to go shead with their match against the British Lions in June, despite the rise to power of Robert Magabe's black majority government. Des van Jaarsveldt, president of the country's rugby union, said today: "We have had no directive from government, so as far as we are concerned the game goes shead. It can only do a lot of good for the Lions to play in Zimbabwe,"

Mr. Murabe's incoming governthe Lions to play in Zimbabwe."

Mr Mugabe's incoming government, which will assume full powers on independence from Britain on April 18, has already served notice that it will follow the Organization of African Unity (OAU) policy barring sporting links with South Africa and with the Republic's sporting partners. The new government is also expected to join the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa, which has condemned the Lions' June tour of South Africa.

Mr van Jaarsveldt said that Mr van Jaarsveldt said that Southern Rhodesia's rugby players were still uncertain of their sporting future under the new government. Government officials indicated that, only a week after the new cabinet line-up was announced, a detailed sporting policy had not been worked out.

'Wise men' in strategy to end a 28-year rugby famine

Yorkshire's plan to rally the clubs "B" side. 77 were received.
These players could not be individually assessed by the com-

By Tom Cooban

Twenty-eight years have passed since Yorkshire were last county rugby champions, and this is a state of affairs the selectors have decided cannot be allowed to continue. In a similar situation rugby men south of the Trent would see no cause to worry, but then, the county rugby title is of much less importance in Moseley, Richmond and Blackheath than it is in Bradford. Sale and Gosforth. Administrators in amateur sport the Yorkshire committee's geographical problem, Mr Calvert, comments that in Wales most of the leading clubs are within a 25-mile radius of Treorchy. A is in Bradford, Sale and Gosforth,

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They are agreed the main problem.

Letters will shortly be sent to similar radius from Leeds includes teams as far as Habitat, but Sheffield is left well to the south; Hull to the east and Middlesbrough

torial committee, G. Cooke (coach), R. Aspey (secretary), D. Hopper, J. Greenwood, R. Childs and R. Sangwin, see the strategy as a devolution of responsibility which will give all the county's citibs are conversed to the county's the county's county are conversed to the county's county and conversed to the county's citibs are conversation to halo in which will give all the county's clubs an opportunity to help in team-building. It will also remove a feeling—which is unfounded—that some clubs and some areas have enjoyed preference in sciention.

Mr Calvert believes that competition against bottom elder troopers. petition against better sides produces effort and emulation, but not the complete player, who emerges only after coaching in a squad of perhaps 30, which combines individual sisills into an effected, a formidable amount of interesting acceptance acceptance and the combines are completely as a complete acceptance acceptance acceptance are continuous acceptance effected, a formidable amount of arranging, assessing, reporting and training has to be completed in readiness for the traditional match against Ulster, on the first Saturday in October, which immediately precedes the county series. Time is not on the selectors' side, but they betieve that, with the prospect of a more successful era as the spur, the clubs will rally to them. Letters will shortly be sent to stight 40 "wise men"—ex-county players, coaches and perhaps some referees—to ask them to form a

WBC give Hope mont decide on title defence

The World Boxing Council (WBC) have given their light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope, of Britain, a month to agree to defend his title. The WBC said in a statement in Mexico City yesterday that Hope must decide by April 15 if he would defend his dile against Carlos Herrera, of Argentina.

The WBC said that if Rope was unable to meet the deadline he would be stripped of his crown. A bout for the vacant title would then be held between number one contender Matioli and Herrera.

Hope has not boxed since winning the title from the Italian Rocco Matioli a year ago. He recently underwent an operation recently underwent an operation for a detached retina in his right eye. The 29-year-old champion was to have defended his title against Tony Chiaverint, of United States, in London on March 4.

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Show jumping

Broome in driving seat

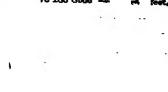
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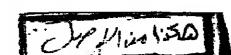
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Amon gthose on 37 are Linda Bayman, four times a previous winner with three different accomplices, and Maureen Madill, the British champion. Their start was even less encouraging than the leaders', because the first hole cost them two strokes. This is a par three 207 yards, though out of everyone's range today so far as I could tell. Mrs Bayman thinned a nine iron, "a nervous first shot of the season", she explained, and she and her partner needed three more. Miss Madill's nine iron made partial amends at the second and Mrs Bayman's, now under firm countol, did likewise at the fifth. But the short fourth (134 vards) had extorted tehrete putts. The tournament is now reduced to 63 holes.

LEADING SCORES:

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Gary Player believes the army will make a man of his boy

Amateur
So much for the record; what of the boy himself? He is without doubt a better golfer than his father at the same age. He is fumensely strong, outdriving his father by 40 yards, sithough flur does not carry quits the same significance it did five years ago. For his age he has had a vast amoust of experience competing against professionals in three continents. I saw him at Madrid for their Open as much at home on the practice ground as though he had, been born on it, and telling me without a trace of modesty of the low stores he had been shooting that winter back home. He has a famous father to help him avoid the pitfalls should be decide to follow the same road.

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The achievement that most
pleased his father last year was
his success in what is called the
future Massers played in Alabama,
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the last round to win with 66 in a
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America's best under 19s. He then
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ayne has glittering golf future

Ballesteros for Muirfield Open

Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, the Open champion, and his predecessor, Jack Nicklaus, of the United States, are among the early entries from exempted players for the Open golf championship at Muirfield in July. Altogether 92 players will be eligible for exemption and 32 of these have so far entered.

Other Americans include Tom Watson, the 1975 and 1977 champion. Johnny Miller, winner in 1976, Arnold Palmer, who was successful in 1960 and 1961, Hale Irwin, the United States Open champion, and Frank (Fuzzy) Zoeller, who won the United States Masters. Palmer, who did not play fast year, has been exempted as last year, has been exempted as one of three most immediate Open champions prior to 1970.

Left luggage. The fifth leg of the Asian circuit was in the hal-ance yesterday, as more than half of the 100 golfers arrived in Kuala of the 100 golfers arrived in Kuala Lumpur without luggage and golf clubs. The golfers, who flew in from Calcutta where the fourth leg ended on Sunday, were shocked to find their luggage and golf sets were not on the plane, Airling officials said the luggage and clubs had been found in Bangkok and would be flown to Kuala Lumpur immediately, — Agence France-Presse.

Cricket

Nicklaus and Pakistan win a battle but not yet the war

Labore, March 13.—Pakistan's morning when the wind blew over left arm spinner, Iqbal Qasim, insity won a long battle with the Australian opener. Julien Wiener, and Hughes having fallen to Tausi to give his side the advantage after the first day of the third

after the 10x1 day of the Unit and final Test here today.

Qasim bowled Wiener for 93 in the final session and Australia ended the day on 239 for six. Had Wiener survived, Australia might have moved on to a match winning nave moved on to a magnitude with they not but now they will be hard pressed to secure the win they need to square the series 1—1. Qasim, who took 11 for 118 in Pakistan's victory in the first Test, bowled 29 overs today and took four for 64

four for 64.

Australia's captain, Greg Chappell, made the other major contribution to the total, scoring 56 which included his 5,000th run in Test cricket. This figure has been achieved by only four other Australians—Bradman, Harvey, Lawry and lan Chappell. Chappell, who won the toss, was the only battern to time the ball with any certainty on a hald, slow pitch and his 50 off 56 balls included nine fours. ning fours.

Ten minutes were lost in the

morning when the wind blew over a signistreen and at lunch Australia were only \$5 for two, Laird and Hughes having fallen to Tausif Ahmed and Qasim in the 10 minutes before the break. The afternoon was the most productive period, with 110 runs being added thank mainly to Chappell's authoritative innings, which ended at 136 when Imran Khan had him at 136 when Imran Khan had him leg before.

FAIL OF WICKETS 1-30, 2-65 3-156, 4-155, 5-204, 6-316.

PAKISTAN: Tasilm Aril, Mudassan Nasar, "Jayed Miandad, Azhar Khan, Nasim Bija, Malid Khan, Azmai Kana, Jaren Khan, Inhal Qasim, Sayicas Nawar, Tausil Ahmed,—Roujer,

Pakistan's invariably lifeless

Similarly, in the final match of

Similarly, in the final match of the abortive series between India and England in 1964, when all five matches ended as draws. England supployed 10 bowlers in India's second inmings, including the wicketkeeper, Parks; but the captain, M. J. K. Smith, did not bring himself on. Though not a recognized bowler, Smith had bowled 13 overs in the previous Test.

A footnote: the happenings in a

A foomote: the happenings in a 12-a-side match in Cambridge in 1880, when dil 12 team members bowled, are unlikely to be repeated.

Chappell stirs memories of the year of Grace

By Marcus Williams

One of cricket's aidest records was equalled last week, Amost unnoticed, When all 11 Australians bowled in Paidstan's innings in the drawn second Test march in Faisalabad, it was the first time this had happened in Test cricket since the third Test between England and Australia at the Oval in 1884.

O'Neill for MCC

Mark O'Neili, aged 20, son of the former Australian batsman, Korman O'Neill, has been given a norman O'Neill, as osen given a four-mouth contract with the MCC cricket staff. O'Neill, a batsman like his father, has played for Western Australia and will have his scholarship as the state's most promising cricketer paid for by an Australian building society.

Pakistan's invariably fifeless pliches seem to encourage this unusual cricketing feat and of the nearly 30 instances recorded in first-class matches two were at Karachi in the 1960s. Also at Karachi, in 1978, Pakistan's captain and wicketkeeper, Wasim Bari, used 10 bowlers including himself in England's second includes of the third Test but surprisingly did not pur on Wasim Raja, a regular leg spin bowler, who had 13 overs in the first innings.

land and Australia at the Oval in 1884.

Declarations were not allowed until 1889, and Australia's manuoth first innings of \$51, spread over \$11 four-ball overs, was grinding remorselessly on. England's captain, Lord Harris, decided it was time to call up his secret weapon, the wicketkeeper, the Hon Alfred Lyttelton, who banded over his pads to W. G. Grace and proceeded to take four wickets for 19 in 12 overabowing lobs; the sood doctor beid one catch, When England eventually batted, they replied with 346 and, following on, were \$5 for two to feave the three-day match drawn.

In Pakistan last week the first of the five days had been washed out and Greg Chappell's decision to let the Australian innings of 617 run its full course over nearly three days—was he playing to pre-1889 laws?—made the result a foregone conclusion on a dead wicket. With Pakistan left no option but to bes out time, Chappell himself kept wicket during the last day while Marsh bowled 10 overs for 51 runs; unlike his distinguished predecessor, be met with no success. that the boy's compulsory service in the army can only do him good.

Basic training in South Africa sounds much the same as anywhere else. "What is your name, you horrible little runt?"—"Player, sir."—"Meyer?" (deliberately misheard).—"No, sir. Player."—"Player, eh? Doesn't your father play golf?"—"Yes, sir."—"Well, so bloody well do I—so you can (expletive) well forget about that." Young Player was being put in his place as thousands have been in recruiting depois at Caterham and all over the world, It is the army's way of pointing out that, in the army, background means nothing and military rank averything.

Gary believes it will all do him

military rank everything.

Gary believes it will all do him more good than harm—that it will give him the chants to appreciate the good things in life without taking them for granted. His letters home—they have to write once a week as in prep school—show signs of that. Turned out of bed in the middle of the night, running five miles in full battle order—what will emerge after two years will be a man, immensely fit and with the conceit of youth not knocked out of him, we hope, but restrained—and the golf will still be there. The army recognizes a sporting talent, whatever it may say, and will not allow it to decay. He will still not be 21, and the experience he may hope to have gained in self-reliance will be especially valuable.

Gary has no doubt that Wayne

Motor racing

Jones doubtful for Long Beach

Le Castellet, France, March 18. Williams, said that Jones had The Australian formula one returned home to rest in Australia. The Australian formula one driver, Alan Jones, may have his world championship hopes seriously damaged because of pleurisy. Beach Grand Prix in the United The burly 33-year-old Australian, currently lying second in the world rive chare, was unable to world championship this season—test his Saudia Williams on the five less than the Frenchman Le Castellet circuit on Monday Rene Arnoux, who drives for

Tinkler was yesterday of four weeks and redirence of the course at 7.00 am today to decide prospects for racing. After an inspection late yesterday after an

Sole.

Gary has no doubt that Wayne will want to turn professional, but there will be no attempt to hurry bim. If the opportunity offers, he might stay in the amateur world to get used to it all again.

rdia at Doncester on Keiso, the other meeting to and a half lengths abandoned because the course is vision two of the Selby Navan in Irelaid is also off. Yesterday's meetings at Nortingham and Fontwell Park were both called off.

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Wild Rashes, M. Oliver, 10-11-9

CHCROFT HURDLE (Div III: Novices : £697 : 21m)

2.30 Isle of Man. 3.0 Knight: O' The Realm. 3.30 Narvik. 4.0 Monteverdi: needs to improve his steering before he tackles Epsom.

Dublin, March 18

Over the pest two seasons Vincent O'Brien has repeatedly had his carefully laid plans thrown into disarray by bouts of virus infection. Yesterday, however, he reported that everything has gone well in 1980 and through the winter his team have not missed a single day's exercise.

At the end of last term his unbeaten Lyphard colt, Monteverdi, shared top spot with the French colt Dragon in the international classification which took in the top two-year olds in England, Ireland and France. Monteverdi lirst made a notable impression when as an unfancied 16-1 chance he won the National Stakes at the Curtagh. This is Ireland's higgest two-year-old purse, worth more than £25,000 to the winner, and Monteverdi came clear soon after halfway to win by two and a half lengths from Cobbler's Cove.

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Immediately afterwards he was nominated as the stable runner for the Dewhurst stakes and on this occasion he topped the market at 15-8. The gamble was duly landed by two lengths from Tyrnavos, but not before he gave his supporters a tright when veering sharply left on the run down past the bushes.

Over the winter he has grown appreciably, but he still measures only 15 hands 2½ inches high and both in confirmation and on pedigree he looks an ideal Epsom. Derby type. He would, however, need to improve his steering to act around Epsom.

He looks like being Vincent O'Brien's first runner of the new

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sarlier engagement. After that he goes to Newmarket for the 2,000 Guines.

The Irish two-year-old scene in 1979 was once again dominated by the O'Brien stable who came up with five out of the top six in the local classification. Ranked clear second best, 41b behind Monteverdl, was Thousandfold. He showed a lot of speed when winning at Doncaster in the Ribero Stakes over six furlongs and subsequently was even more impressive when winning the furlong shorter. Waterford Testinonial Stakes at the Curragh in mid-October.

Through the winter his trainer has spent a lot of time trying to teach Thousandfold to settle down and conserve his energy, but seemingly to no avail. On the gallops Thousandfold is still very keen to go and it has now been accepted that sprinning will be his game. His reappearence will be delayed until the end of April and his prime objective will be the King's Stand stakes at Royal Ascot.

An unusual colt of more than average ability is Del Sarto, a half brother to a Kennucky Derby

An unusual colt of more than average ability is Del Sarto, a haif brother no a Kennicky Derby winner, but a colt who has only one eye. For that reason he will always be more effective when racing on a left-hand course and on his last appearance at Leopardstown the judge ruled that he won by 12 lengths. O'Erien is quite sure that Del Sarto will stay one

winner of the Beresford Stakes at the Curragh. Amongst the unraced horses in the stable, a still backward but potentially top-notch individual is Benefactor. He has the distinction of being a half brother to Alleged, twice successful in the Prix de l'Art de Triomphe.

The Kevin Prendergast stable int form at Phoenix Park on St. Patrick's Day when Skinflint won the Burmah-Castrol Trophy by a length from the favourite, Winds of Winter. By all accounts Olinda is a long way in front of Skinflint and the rest of Kevin Prendergast's three-year-olds.

There can be few better maldens in training in England or Ireland than Con Colins's Cobbler's Cove, who was second in the National Stakes to Monteverdi. Dermot Weld started the year with a big

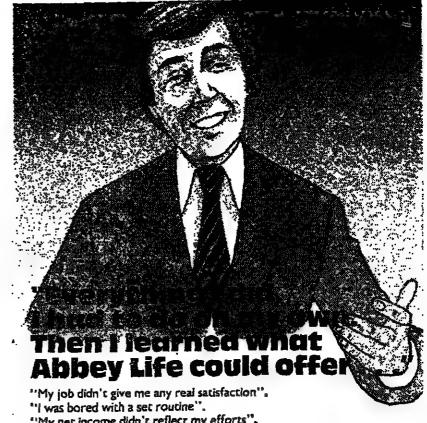
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Why some people do not think our policemen are wonderful

Never in recent years have the police faced so much criticism on so many fronts. The row over deaths in police custody and the use of the laws-the 1824 Act giving the police laws—the 1824 Act giving the police powers to arrest a suspected person—lowering with intent—are being examined by the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. Operation Countryman, the investigation into allegations of widespread corruption in London has the transduce results com-London, has yet to produce results com-mensurate with the effort put into it. The activities of the Special Patrol The activities of the Special Patrol Group have been under attack, though some reforms have been amounced. And the outspokenness of certain chief constables, following the example of Sir Robert Mark, has drawn them into

public controversy.

The natural tendency of the police is to stand upon the good reputation they have so far had with the public and to round on their critics. But the dangers of alienation from the public were foreseen both by officers in the police and by authorities outside. The fact is that, ry authorities outside. The fact is that, although police in some parts of the country have taled to adjust, in other parts a wrong direction has been taken, and unless urgent reforms are undertaken, they will find it increasingly difficult to do their job.

Their great mistake has been to react without due constitute to the need.

withour due sensitivity to the need, first apparent in the 1960s, to become more efficient. The tendency of policy decisions to that end though necessary in themselves, has helped to put them at a distance from the public.

Larger police forces covering wider areas more economically is one reason. Over-centralization, with too heavy a reliance on specialist squads like the reliance on specialist squads like the Special Patrol Group, is another: they just cannot hope to rival the sort of knowledge that can be built up by officers working full-time in the locality. It was thought that improved communications, in the shape of pocket radios and the greater use of pokee cars, could enable more efficient use of efficers in response to trouble. But the sort of self-reliance that old-style policemen needed (because they simply could men needed (because they simply gould not seek advice or call up reinforcements quickly) has been weakened; much of that old-time skill was in handling difficult people and calming potential trouble, so as to preserve the peace. There are occasions when a too swift reaction by too many policemen called up via the radio can create the very disturbance they are anxious to

The development of techniques which cnabled police to target effort on more serious criminals has depended to some extent upon increased surveillance and data storage. There is a danger here, too, that the police national computer could become a substitute for local knowledge, although the best officers use one to supplement the other.

Special Branch to try to anticipate terrorist outrages, though the wish to anticipate communal or civil disturbance is bound to lead to friction. Any failure to distinguish between valid dissent and subversion can be a just cause for criticism: the current concern over telephone tapping is not just left-wing inspired but the symptom of a

wider loss of confidence.
There is too little accountability. Rightly, police authorities, the civilian bodies supposed to keep an eye on the police, are not supposed to interfere with police operations. Nor is the Home Secretary, the police authority for the Metropolitan force. Yet if police operations do cause concern there ought to be ways of bringing them into line, if

criticism is valid. That job needs to be done in more detail and openness by the Chief In-spector of Constabulary with the aid of more resources. He deserves to 9 or more resources. He deserves to a given a squad of top-grade officers and powers to coopt more, so as to investi-gate the more serious complaints and initiate inquiries of the kind Countryman is now pursuing. Not only should his annual report contain a review of police activity, but provide details of ing on some or the work tone in the police college and other academic ristitutions. He ought not to be afraid of controversy. If he were in a position to speak up on behalf of the police, balancing support with triticism; other chief officers might not feel so strongly the need to proselytize.

His report ought to include information about the amount of telephone tapping and information held in computers and scrutinize the circumstances deaths in police custody. He could be more open about the activities of the

The chief inspector's assistants ought also to prepare reports on each force in the country for publication by police authorities, who should be able to call on the compilers to give evidence in public as an independent check on the powers of chief coustables, rather as the select committee is at present examining police witnesses. The inspector needs to be able to produce his own separate report on the Metropolitan Police, and, as in the case of other. give details of investigations his staff have carried out.

It would be good public relations for the commissioner of police to give a

Paralleling the development of these operational successes and failures and verbal presentation of his annual report techniques has been the need for the act as a fertilizer for new ideas draw to the Greater London Council, which special Branch to try to anticipate ing on some of the work done in the should have at its disposal the chief inspector's report on the force. Such a

inspector's report on the force. Such all arrangement might provide an effective compromise if the police authority for the Metropolitin arree remains file. Home Secretary for present effective scrittiny of the Metropolitin arree remains file. Home Secretary for present effective scrittiny of the Metropolitin Police is hidden by the Metropolitin Police is scrittiny of the Metropolitin in the Special Patrol Grinds now in Me White law's bands could do have been published, so as ho increase confidence. With the aid of an inspector of constability as an expert witness, it ought to be possible for the police antaority overseeing the Metropolice force of instability are an assistant chief constable in South Wales. Had there been a greater witningness to act upon some of his grouself reforms and apply them not only to Kirkby, but throughout the force in is arguable that relations between public and police could be better than they are today. and police could be better than they are today.

Peter Evans



The human face of social security

Will the Budget contain new measures ? to withdraw welfare benefits or, what is equally effective at present inflation rates, will Sir Geoffrey Howe prevent come of them from maintaining their purchasing power? The current budgetary debate, coming so soon after Mr Reg Prentice's increase of 1,050 in officers to chase social security abuses, underlines a real and alarming change in parliamentary attitudes. The welfare state basis of benefits is losing its bipartisan consensus.

This is sad because the one thread that links Sir Keith Joseph's free market Elysium, with firms booming and busting at a profligate rate in response to the state of the market. with Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn's vision of a technological future In which everyone must change jobs a dozen times to keep progress with the steely advance of science, is just this. a generous financial infrastructure, widely supported by the politicians and public, which can insure individuals and society against the costs of tran-

It would be refreshing now, as unemployment trends upward from: 1,500,000, to hear monetarist hawks like Sir Keith recognize that a decent level of benefits is intrinsic to their strategy for getting the economy right. There would be special advantage in this hocause, in his earlier incarnation as Social Services Secretary to Mr Heath, he did his bit to shoulder responsibility for the low paid working poor by devising Family Income Supplement. The fact that FIS is now a rather small cheme, helping only some 85,000 families of whom about 40 per cent have one parent with the majority of the rest being farm labourers, does not detract from his wisdom in accepting

It was perhaps inevitable that bene- || tional maintenance allowances in some fits would not emerge totally unscathed from the Government's assault on public expenditure. There is also a case for arguing that attempts to police the system against "scroungers"—however much more revenue-effective it might be to appoint "scroungers —however much more the halt to section one payments under revenue-effective it might be to appoint 1,050 more tax inspectors—could strengthen the public acceptability of supplementary benefits. But what is reasons, and the taking of children into more surprising is that the combination of tax cuts, increased charges and reduced public services is largely hitting two sets of people whom Conservative philosophy holds dear: families, and those low-paid earners whose work incentives should be kept

doorstep.
Just as bringing more low earners into the tax not belied to fuel workingclass resentment at high taxation and the power of the state, so a policy that hits the real family budget in the bottom 25 per cent of incomes may seem far more immediate now than the small forgotten bonus of last year's tax cuts. And, as Dr David Donoison, outgoing chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission which is being merged with the National Insurance Advisory Committee points out, there are at least six measures which together

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are at least six measures which together can cost these families dear.

They are the ending of the old electricity discount scheme which helped about 4,500.000 people (its successor is now helping only 350,000); the general increase in council rates and rents which is on a steeper upward areas than low new the prospect of graph than low pay; the prospect of much higher school meals and trans-port costs which means that, for a family with four children just over the eligibility limits for FIS, almost half the father's net income could go in those alone; the withdrawal of educaauthorities like Cheshire, which will result in earlier school leaving; the ending by others of the necessitous clothing allowance which ensured that children were adequately clothed; and

Supplementary benefit, helping some 9 per cent in our society, is used by the poorest of all. Any cutback here by the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be hard to defend morally unless it was part of a peckage in which the whole nation was being asked to tighten its belt, with fuller belies tightening farthest. But what the Treasury and the various social policy departments must also appreciate is that a strategy of preserving SB while bashing ever other benefit in sight can actually reduce the incentive to work. The hurdle of extra income that a family needs to make up for benefits foregone is getting higher, and SB a tighter ghetto area.

Where the economic strategy has got divorced from the Government's manifesto commitments and there is an incressing incentive for low earning husbands with brittle marriages to walk out on their wives and children-is that it is proving impossible to cut benefits in order to restore incentives without hurting families with children. Mr Frank Field, MP, is fond of pointing out that last year's tax cuts of £4.500m put only £8m more in the way of children. But the current campaign for an extra £1 on child benefit this year, being waged by the Child Poverty Action Group he used to lead, rests on the fact that this is the one universal benefit that works, and that every study

shows that families with children get lower help in relationship to need than any other category.

Looming over the whole scene, of course, is the remorseless rise in unemployment and in the numbers who have been out of work for over a year. Already two thirds of the claims dealt with by Dr Donnison's commission last year were from unemployed claimants. work claiming unemployment insurance benefit, the system that was supposed manifestly breaking down. Playing up scroungerphobia", setting the working poor against those who are unemployed for reasons largely beyond their own control—and who get little credit for bearing the Friedmanite flag where it really harts—shows a quite insuffi-cient response to the human and

national tragedy that is developing. The Government's attempt to simplify the jungle of benefits, and to make their rights clearer to beneficiaries, is wholly laudable. One of the biggest who who was a still, is the failure to take up allowances which Parliament has authorized; this was worth £340m in unclaimed SB alone in 1977, and the DHSS is still calculating what this amounts to now.

But what is badly needed is a renewed awareness that the basic struc ture of benefits is not an albatross round the productive capacity of this country. It is, with economic change, as much an essential and humane ingredient us the state old age pension. Somewhere between the endless com-plications of the systems, and the simplistic and diversionary attacks on scroungers", the main point is getting buried.

Richard Bourne

Battle in the committee rooms

Since February, the committee floor of the House of Commons on Tuesdays and Thursdays has been like Euston station at rush hour, for it is on this Coor that the Tory Government is forcing through its legislation on an un-precedented scale. Both the trade union movement and

the welfare state are under central attack. In fact in a series of committee rooms, the Tory proposals for dis-mantling the welfare state as we have known it are taking place. The amount of legislation is staggering and it is many years since so many Bills were coing through the House simultaneously Legislation being pushed, incidentally, by a Tory Government who when in opposition talked about too much government and too much lenislation.

I have just finished sitting on the committee for the Social Security Bill which has taken 104 hours to complete. This included two all night sittings and a guillotine motion. Though major changes were being made affecting millions of people, there has been little modia interest. In fact. The Times has been the only paper which has cov-cred this Bill at all during its commit-

tee stage.
The Bill drastically alters the method of calculating pensions in the future, abolishes the Supplementary Benefits Commission and fundamentally alters

the basis of much of the social security system. This will mean the introduction of new regulations affecting millions of claimants, and these regulations we have

not yet seen.

There have been major debates covering pensioners, child benefit, maternity grants, the death grant, one-parent families and much else.

Each committee develops a character and life of its own. Often, in what is thought to be mundane weary work. parliamentary reputations are made of lost, certainly among colleagues. Members who very rarely catch the eye on the floor of the House become brilliant tacticians and debaters within committee. It is worth remembering that Mr Edward Heath during the passage of the Finance Bill in committee, probably made his reputation with Conservative backbenchers which was decisive in carrying him into the leadership over Mr Reginald Mauding. Turning again to the Social Security Bill, when the nine Labour members had their first meeting, we decided our strategy which was to dictate the course of events from our point of view. We saw little chance of Government concessions, certainly not with Mr Reg Prentice leading for them. We therefore decided to fight the Bill, give no quarter, not deliberately fillibuster, but to discuss it in some detail. We had a first class team with wide and varied experience and we decided to share the work. There were no stars but mine people grafting on behalf of the

Labour Party.
Secondly, we took an unprecedented step at our weekly briefing meetings to invite the interested pressure groups, who were bombarding us with informato attend our meetings, help with drafting of amendments, preparing briefs, while the Labour members took

the policy decisions and the responsi-

This worked better than we could possibly have imagined. To have the support of back-up organizations such as Child Poverty Action Group, Char (Campaign for Single Homeless People), One Parent Families, and also Disablement Groups, plus specialists such as Mr Tony Lynes, who has a vast experience in this field, was invaluable. Obviously, there were some policy differences between us and these groups, and there still are. But we were not there to exploit these differences but to see that the widest debate took place. For instance, the debate on the single homeless which lasted several hours, I believe was outstanding. Many of the pressure group members atten-ded throughout the long sessions late into the night and their dedication and the belief in their causes were well demonstrated.

Clause 1 of the Bill, on which we spent several sessions, dealt with the pensioners and the proposal of the Government to change the method of calculating the up-rating from earnings or prices, whichever was higher, to prices only. In the coming years this will mean a direct reduction in the standard of living for pensioners because when earnings are higher, they will not be able to share in any increased prosperity in our society.

I rather regret that pensioners' organizations did not play quite the same role as the other voluntary groups during the passage of this Bill, for what we were discussing was the future of 8,500,000 pensioners within

midnight, twice a week, tests both the knowledge, intellectual capacity and not least, the physical stamina of the people involved. Morale is crucially important and it was interesting to note that when we were about to go to our second all night sitting, the Prime Minister graced us with her presence from about 11 until 11.30 that evening. This was obviously to boost Conserva-tive morale. Their morale certainly needed boosting for during the two all night sessions we were without the minister in charge of the Bill, namely Mr Prentice, who claimed that for the throughout the night. This was little consolation for his Conservative colleagues or for the unfortunate minister left in charge, Mrs Lynda Chalker. Incidentally, Mrs Thatcher's visit

lso had a stimulating effect upon the Labour side and when we rose twelve hours later with the Government having made little progress, we felt that the ordeal had been worthwhile.

The committee stage of a Bill is meant to scrutinize, amend and im-prove parliamentary legislation, but with the political Bills which are going through now, it resolves itself into a political battle. I have never known a Bill of this character where so little concession has been made by the Government. The battle in committee is part of the war against this Govern-ment where we are fighting to defend what has been achieved, to expose the Government's policies to the public and to continue developing our own alterna-tive policies for the next Labour zovernment.

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itself violently over-acted yet less embarrassing than usual (Britten's musical parodies here are, surprisingly, less than

masterly).

The RAM's opera class fielded an accomplished cast. The Oberon, Andrew Thompson, has a counter-tenor voice been taught not to misaccentu-are his spoken lines). There were some choirboys in the cast from Trinity School, Croy-don, so the bold Mountleurs might have been cast as boys.

Change of ballet -

Larry Fuller's new ballet Humors of Man, which was to have opened this evening, has had to be withdrawn, because of technical difficulties, from Festival Baller's season at the Coliseum. It will be replaced (in a triple bill with Echning of Trumpets and Etudes) by Dvorak Variations tonight and tomorrow and by Petrouchka on Friday and Saturday.

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that shifts the mood towards

His characters stride on or slink in as caricatures and partly through the clever castng manage to stretch into samething more alive.

The last on is the first out, and, as Graeme Garden arrives whimpering from the abuse he suffers from his pupils, he is clearly doomed to a nervous collapse. Victimized as well by the deputy head, who assigns first a biology laboratory and then the music room as suitable arenas for teaching Latin, he also becomes a mol in the col-lectivist hands of Ian Lavender, who is waging war with Royce Ryton's deputy head.

Peter Dennis makes much of Len Taunt, whose distinguishing characteristics are a marking pen and an inferiority complex; and there is Deberah Norton as the single gawkish woman teacher in the boys' school, but it is mainly up to John Fortune, sense of vocation, to balance the comedy and regret of the script.

He does that well patching together the comedy and some draughty halls where Mr Stevenson tries to speak seriously about the mood of 1966, when the ideal of comprehensive schools threatened such awkward institutions as the public schools. Genial ambivalent and slightly rebellious, he is the real victim of the comedy of Schooldays.

the boldness of David William's production with Annena Stubbs

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Doubtless it was faute de
micux that Peablossom and Co
were played by comely young
ladies, for all that Bottom
addresses them as "Mounsieur". It was clear that he appreciated their charms, and
threw new light on his calls
for their services as headscratchers. Particularly effective were the staging of the
lovers' quarrels in the second
act, and the strenuous Bergomask after Pyranus and Thisbe,
itself violently over-acted yet

son, has a counter-tenor voice of modest size but pleasant, musicianly quality, and he moved well on stage. Jill Washington's Titania was confidently, potently sung, delightful to watch. Marilyn Rennett as Hermia, Timothy Evan-Jones as Lysander, both offered omens of useful careers, likely to be shared by the Bottom, Stephen Williams, and the non-eyed, clowming Puck, Gaoffrey Dolvon though he should have been raught not to misaccantu-

Nostalgic recycling on the New York stage

If Britain receives scant attention in the New York news media there is no escaping the place on Broadway. In the present crop of uptown shows, six are London transfers, not counting such off-Broadway listings as Nigel Williams's Class Enemy and The Winter's Tale with which David Jones has just launched his regime at the Broadlant of at the Brooklyn Academy of

Music.
Midway between the collapse of Albee's The Lady from Dubuque and the opening of Tennessee Williams's Clothes for a Summer Hotel the theatre of the spoken word is chugging along—as in the West End—with material West End-with material brought in from elsewhere and recharged with newsworthy casting: such as the billing of Roy Scheider of Jans fame in Pinter's Betrayal, and of Mary Tyler Moore in the Tom Conti-role in Who's Life is it Anyway. But for the indi-genous Broadway product you are thrown back, as usual, either on long-running musi-cals or the church sermons that are also vigorously pro-moted among the blood banks and porno shops of the West

Having missed Pastor Dale D. Hansen's You've Made Your Bed, I can at least report on Ralph Allen and Harry Rigby's Sugar Babies (Mark Hellinger Sugar Babies (Mark Hellinger Theatre), a salute to old-time burlesque fired off by two veteran big guns, Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller. This is no ritual parade of burnrout Hollywood stars of the kind we see in London. Mr Rooney, although now bald and spherical, has kept his fast fighting trim, and spars with the company and the house as if still taking a swing at Freddie Bartholomew. As for Miss Miller, former partner to Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly and still up to 500 taps a minute, she remains as voluptuously undimmed by time as a canned peach. as a canned peach.

The conjunction of these per-formers and cheir material puts two kinds of antiquity on dis-play, and I have a masty feeling that one is being expected to admire the routines as well as the stars. Kraest Flatt's produc-tion invokes the atmosphere of an old buriesque house, and the an old buriesque house, and the evening has the requishly ital-icized quality which Americans used to reserve for old-time melodrama. But the assumption lingers that junk plus time equals cultural tradition, and it is never certain whether we are meant to be laughing with or laughing at the coarsely feeble sketches that make up most of eptertalpment.

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As much as anything, the show relies on Racul Pene du Bois's costumes to hold boredom at bay: pearl-festooned chiffon and vast cultural headgaar for the chorus babies, Rooney's grotesque wardrobe of hats and wigs in which he features variously as a witnessgroping judge and a raddled debutante, and the succession of sitt satin draperies from of slit satin draperies from which the immortal Miller legs are repeatedly unvailed. Energy and contrast do something to make up for the lack
of a single good joke or a tune
worth remembering.

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at the Leningrad Garky Theatre,
ally the whole thing is recombut in its present version, movsenator caught with his trouve.

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Extemporary

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Panorama achievement prompts lavish donations and government funding that might otherwise succour the saedy distresses of varicose vains and hypothermia. BBC 1

Panarama's report did little The new fashion for heart transplants was given the old-fashioned Panorama treatment on Monday. There have been more transplants this year in more transplants this year in Britain than ever before. Since they were virtually banned seven years ago, now techniques of drug treatment against rejection have improved their chances of success, and this year's series of operations has attracted the headlines and the cameras. They belong to that area of technology that captures the popular imagination

trivial. But why then tell us that Back plays while Dr Yacoub operates; why give that tantalizing hint of why Derrick Morris wakes in the night to the pounding of his own chest; why the close-up of crocuses as

techniques; addressing its appeal to the head and the reason. Thus it was an approach divided against itself.

was more rewarding. To the mixed sounds of a flute (score by Paul Horn) and a recording running water, they undertook a sequence of movement that began forcefully and later became suggestively aqueous. Tom Jobe's The Doll, another duet for the same couple, intro-

duced some dramatic effects in the way the small woman was dragged or swung about by the tail man, Perhaps it was trying to make some comment on human relationships as well. Henk Alkeman's score for this and Charles Forsym's for Fall-ing Asleep were both newly commissioned; unexceptionable but completely unmemorable.
Falling Asleep had choreo-graphy by Corrine Bougaard: a young woman wriggling rest lessly on the floor eventually changes places with the female of her two dream figures. Less self-conscious atmosphere and more action might have made it

London Lute ensemble

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The gracious home of the Institute of Actuaries provided an appropriate historical setting for the Camden Festival's concert of lute music and sougs from the Elizabethan era when the oaken beams of the "fayrest inne of chauncery" were first

The grave dignity of the sur-roundings was matched by the deportment of the performers, who might have shown more smiling countenances in the jollier pieces which balanced the solemn pavanes and dumps. Eyen John Dowland, whom they represented generously, was not always "dolens": the Almains

were spirited dances despite their Teutonic origins, while their centrepiece, Lord Wil-loughby's Welcome Home, was undoubtedly a warm one. In these charming trios the

virtuosic divisions were deli-carely traced by the late of Hugh Cherry while the cittern of Tim Crawford and the bandors of Paul Bruthaux neatly strummed the chordal accompaniments. Other instrumental delights for this combination included John Johnson's Rogero which, fike Thomas Robinson's Passamezzo Galliard for two lotes, represents a written-out version of the kind of improvisation over a standard bass which embralled our forhears long before the word "jazz" entered our vocabulary.

impressive: the lute arrange to crown the evening with a ment of Pavana Bray, dubiously simple but touching conclusion.

Carlin Glynn merges the quali-ties of a jazz queen and a cru-soding Victorian headmistress. The girls, from Cheryl Ebarbs lil-used and cast oside by a profligate huzzar and finally left to rot in the stud farm of his birth where he has a lest gawky recruit to Delores Hall's gospel-singing black maid, are a treat. Carol Hall's country-music score, put over by a hill-billy on-stage band, lifts the tale into clear-eyed lyricism and savagely well-choreographed chorus work. Southern speech from encounter with his now equally broken-down former master.
The moment when these two old wrecks-men and horse-look into each others' eyes and work. Southern speech, from which the show takes so much of its flavour, should not dis-qualify it from the transationtic

then fail to achieve a reunina evokes the full presence of Toistoy. Other happy inventions in Tobert Kalfin's production are the accelerating sleigh rides and the staging of a horse sale Rozovsky's Strider (Helen Hayes Thearre) claims it as the first play to be performed in New York under the United States-Sovier Copyright Agreement. It did indeed begin life at the Leningrad Goods.

> did I. The sequence in which the cool Dr Yacoub flew over-night by St John air ambulance to Holland, extracted the stillbeating heart from a brain-dead body, packed it away in ice, and flew back for a police-escorted drive to Harefield and another operation was allowed just enough tension to make the spine tingle. For Dr Yacoub it seemed all in a day's work. But the disappointment for him and

what one expects in this great dance capital.

Although not built for travel, James Lapine's Tuble Scttings (Playwrights Horizons (Playwrights Horizons
Theatre) offers a form of family-life comedy that might be
profitably applied elsewhere. It
is a piece about Jewish stereotypes for characters and spec-tators who know all about Jewish stereotypes, thus enabling the author to compress cliches into exhibitanting shorthand. Instead of linear plot we get

captioned episodes on "A mother's beart" or "Bar Mitzvah" (with a breakneck Hullelujah chorus), all set around the table for a meal that never gets eaten, and ranging over assorted adult neuroses and adulescent frustrations so as adolescent frustrations so as to draw ironic parallels be-tween the grandson's refusal to finish his Lima beans and the father's hopeless attempts to ward off a piece of "lovely cake" from the Minsk grandmother. Played on a diagrammatic lonesco stage, the piece is also directed by the author who clearly know his hist.

Irving Wardle

died must have been enormous. There was a cursory look at the case for and against the high cost of such surgery, an

ponse from at least someone in authority, if not the minister himself. Instead the subject was closed early and an interview with David Steel rather discourteously tagged on the

London debuts

Plunging in at the deep end

Even if she has still to learn when discretion is the better part of valour, it was exciting to hear as characterful and spirited a young pianist as the American Diane Walsh, withher of first prizes at contests in Munich and San Francisco as well as honourably mentioned clsewhere.

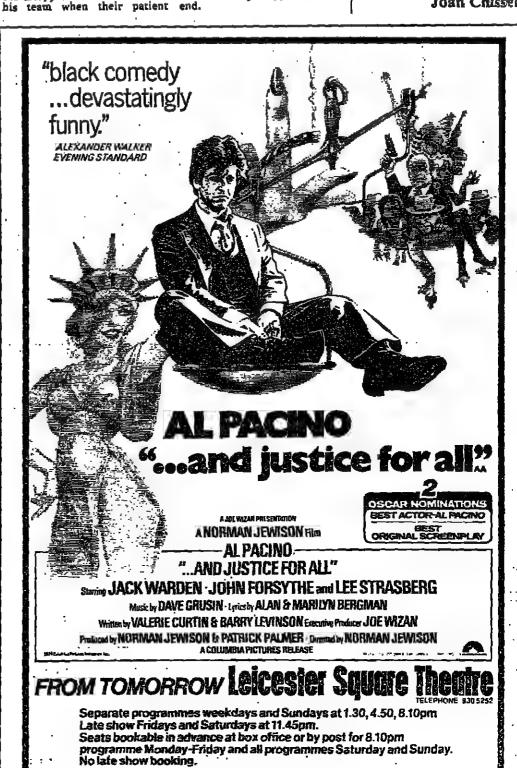
clsewhere.

In a first half of Schumann she plunged in at the deep end with the Toccata, finding its melodic charm no less than its brilliance, before savouring every contrast in the Arabesque to the full. There was a winning ardour behind the great Consign Fantacy On 17, 100, as major Fantasy, Op 17, too, as well as tonul strength to support its climaxes. If the second movement's taxing coda momenmovement's taking coda monten-tarily threw her, or least she was prepared to risk the re-quested speed. Yet certain details of rubato throughout the work were capricious, not least in the finale, which needed a deeper inner colm. Signs of immaturity were still more evident in an aver-graphic more evident in an over-graphic account of Beethoven's A flat Sonata, OP 26, notably in the changes of tempo she allowed herself to characterize the first movement's variations. But she showed an acute ear for colour in Barbara Kolb's four nen-Debussyian impressions called Appello (1976), new to London, while in three Endes Tableous by Rachmaninov she set the whole keyboard ablaze.

According to her handbill, Maeve Cowan Auer, a Londoner by birth though trained and now domiciled in Vienna, has recently set her sights on a soloist's career after considerarchestral and chamber music sphere. Partnered by her husband, Gunter Auer, she played sonatas by Schubert, Janacek and Prokofiev with agreeably lyrical if not large tone, and with painstaking musicianship, too, though not yet with that little extra touch of temperament or intensity that from ment or intensity that from the true soloist holds every listener on the edge of his chair, Janucek's disturbed work, conceived beneath gathering conceived beneath gathering war-clouds, did most to brenk down her reserve, while Schubert's A major Duo and Prokofiev's D major Sonata, in their very different ways, were most paled by under-characterization. Ysäye's unaccompanied "Ballada" Sonata (No 3) emerged sufficiently fluent to suggest that her shyness at an interpreter could bardly be an interpreter could burdly be attributed to technical insecurity.

As a gultar and string en-semble John Mills and the Quarter of London made their debut during this newspaper's suspension. Their second pro-gramme of Vivaldi and Boccherini, though less authenticoliv guitar-inspired first, confirmed the refreshing charm of the partnership as sound, with the later Italian's E minor quintet, albeit only an arrangement, eliciting the richest tonal contrasts and subtleties of nuance and phrasing closely into a group of equals. Up against only three or four carefully listening strings in three concertos by Vivaldi. Mr. Mills had no need to sacrifice his unaffected intimacy of style, with particularly eloquent results in slow movements.

Joan Chissell





Ann Miller and Mickey Rooney in Sugar Babics.

With the price of a stalls seat now up to \$22.50, there is better value for money at the bordello to a Communist the better value for money at the plot.

Among other things, this its combination of workshop Little Whorehouse in Texts, a show by no means deficient in legs, organic numbers and laugh lines, and also with a propose of a Southern redneck in the propose of a Southern redneck in the propose of a Southern redneck in the case of a small-town brothel that had served the Carlin Glynn merges the qualities of a large queen and a cruyonars until a television vigilante brought pressure to close

down who ascribes his presence in its cauld well be mistaken for a homegrown piece of off-Broadway kitsch through its combination of workshop techniques in a low-budget serving projected in a haze of winder is a noble savage fable told through the life of a horse carlin Glynn merges the qualities of a jazz queen and a cruyonary faithfully for 100 the girls, from Cheryl Ebarbs lante brought pressure to close it down, Larry King and Peter Masterson's book is a Manhat-tan tribute to the East Coast's traditional adversary.

traditional adversary.

The show is a hymu to rugged individuality, local loyalty, and unspoilt rural life—enshrining all these fine qualities in Miss Mona's Model Cat House, standing "in a green Texas glade where the trees were as coolin' as fresh lemonade", and where the town football team are rewarded with an unusual trip on Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day.
From first to last, the fable

to make the pulse race, or the heart pound. Unlike the heart operations, the programme has never been banned for its failure rate or developed new methods employing glamorous technology. Instead, the actual report seemed as antiseptic as the £2,000 converted room where transplant patients can hold hands with their wives only through special gloves. Perhaps the reporter, Michael Cockerel, wanted it that way. and did not wish to engage our nosey-parker curiosity for the

Mr Marney tastes his new life to touch the beart. But each time, for fear of too emotional an impact, Panorana stepped back to talk of numbers, costs,

None the less, it could be cheeky. Calling Dr Christiaan Barnerd the Kissinger of heart surgery was a quip Michael Cockerel feit was worth repeating in the Radio Times. And so

What the constituent parts have in common is a lively good da Costa's patchwork costume too, also the bizarre soft model of a piano that formed part of

John Percival her decor, although the back-Extemporary Dance Company on Monday opened an outcrop of the Dance Umbrella series which forms part of the Camden cloth seemed to contribute nothing. The work employed five of the company's six dancers, all of whom looked at their best in Bergese's simple but animated choreography.

Festival. They and two other groups are giving two performances each this week at the Shaw Theatre.

The most interesting of the five works shown was 18 Fifty. five works shown was 18 Fifty-nine-second. Pieces. It has choreography by Micha Bergese to an arrangement by Dominic Muldowney of Satie's Cinema, played as a piano solo by Michael Finnissy. Music and dance both consist of many short sections, although I at least was much more aware of conscious contrasts in the stage conscious contrasts in the stage action than in the accompani-

The remaining works were less substantial. Robb Fleming's Over. Curve Colt Whispers went on for longer than the others but seemed not to get anywhere. Where, I wonder, could it hope to get when based on such an insistently boring assemblage of noises as Richard Attree's sperially written some. Attree's specially written score. There was plenty of time to reflect on what the title could

Fleming's Island, a duet for himself and Avigail Ben Ari,

ascribed to Byrd, sounded in-effectual and amorphous while the contrapuntal demands of John Johnson's Pavan were rather too taxing for the wirestrung bandora'. The most satisfying moments

more interesting.

were provided by the alto. Margaret Philpot, who with her rich but lucid tones revealed the lyrical eloquence of Dow-land's "Sleep wayward thoughts" and "Come heavy sleep". She even found a sleep". She even found a brighter timbre with impeccable clarity of diction for Campion's lighter ditties, "Fair if you expect admiring," "Shall I come sweet love?" and Joan "In these Hugh Charm provided a subtle and cherry provided a subtle and sensitive lute accompaniment, while in the William Corkine setting of Marlowe's "Comc live with me" the whole quar-The solo numbers were less tet combined for the first time

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

The terrorists who compete for the headlines

The Irish National Liberation cold-blooded are smeared in blood and intrigue because they literally fought for survival; they were virtually obliterated by assas-

infamy, a murder probably car-ried out by a single volunteer in London who returned to immediately after-

They are a small group of left-wingers generally referred to as Marxist, though the term has become so subjective it cannot reliably be ascribed to JNLA. (The Provisionals used to be called Marxist but that was largely a whim of Mr Roy Mason.) All that can be positively said is that they ere committed to a united socialist republic by means of an armed

arruggie.
INLA has a gruesome reputation. The conventional wisboth sides of the border is that they are more ruthless than the Provisionals. That view is based on memories of INLA's

A hundred years ago, in the spring of 1880, Lord Beaconsfield called a general election. The Government's candidate at hereford and a hardened a hardened and a hardened a hardened and a hardened a hardened and a hard

Hertford was A. J. Balfour. In this safe Conservative seat Balfour did not have to exert himself. It was the unknown

Liberal candidate who had to

pauperism diminished . . .

The sentiments might have

Bowen was, a remarkable

his house should wear red shirts for football as a mark

make the running.

Army are the newest terror force in Ireland. Their origins Republican Socialist Party, which shares political goals with INLA. The rumour is that intermediaries had to be called in to halt the massacre.

INLA are enormously rich and in some respects professional, though not nearly as accomplished in the guerrilla arts as the provisional IRA. They have the death of Mr. Arrey Neave as their control of the called and the maissacre.

INLA's resources come mainly from bank raids both sides of the border. They have no illegal clubs or other business interests like the Prositionals, but they are the death of Mr. visionals, but then they hardly need them. They carried out a £500,000 robbery at Bardagh Gap. County Limerick, in June 1978 and are responsible for numerous other bank raids as well as a bank robbery in Wicklow. Whatever their shortcomings, money is

not among them. People's Liberation Army, which split from the official IRA in late 1974 in reply to the Officials' campaign against the potential new challenger, the Irish Republican Socialist

That party (not proscribed) and INLA (proscribed) were created by Seamus Costello, assassinated in Dublin October 1977 perhaps at the behest of the official IRA, or just as likely by an internal dissident or dissidents. There was con-siderable disquiet about Cos-

tello's jealous domination of INLA, and his death was in-itially shattering both to INLA

and the new party.

Costello's disaffection with
the Officials was essentially over his opposition to the cease fire. He was expelled and immediately began organizing the Irish Republican Socialist Party, which has its head-quarters in Dublin. Costello insisted that it should be kept organizationally separate from INLA.

Many of INLA's early recruits were trigger-happy youngsters from the urban ghettoes, frustrated at not being used by the Provisional IRA, whose ranks were tight-ened against the immature and the undisciplined. The security forces could invariably tell when INLA carried out an assassination attempt because 30 or 40 rounds would be

rich abandon.

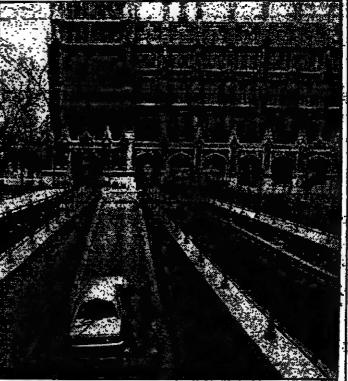
INLA now shows signs of being more selective in its rethe AK47, an Eastern block standard military rifle manu-factured mainly in Russia. They have used Soviet anti-tank weapons, but not for tank weapons, but not for several years, and they have used the armour-piercing American M60 machine gun.
INLA's active membership

one hundred. Their operations were at a peak early last year and in that January killed more members of the Security forces than the IRA. They are responsible for perhaps six sig-nificant incidents this year. The last attack destroyed the popular El Greco night club in Londonderry, which until then had stood in virtual isolation a depressing scene

INLA also exploded two bombs at an army camp at Plain, on March 7, injuring two soldiers. That must be a worrying sign in view of the group's declared target of presrige military and establishment

At ground level, INLA and provisional IRA members cooperate, though not to the tions of any significance. Ammunition is sometimes shared and to a small extent light weapons are lent.

cordial though it can be assumed that the Provisionals meants less propaganda. INLA Murdered Airey Neave at the end of March,



The car in which Mr Airey Neave died-murdered by the FNLA

1979; the IRA killed Lord makes its own explosives by Mountbatten of Burma five months later. The inevitable inference, though not a substantiated one, is that there was competition for a headline hor-

INLA operates almost exclusively in Londonderry, Belfast and the Annagh/Portadown area of County Armagh. They first emerged as a serious security threat in late 1978, but extensive police operations in mid-1979 abruptly slowed them

cial explosives, which like most of its guns come usually from Middle East sources. The IRA

removing the relevant chemical from commercial fertilizer,

INLA is once more showing agns of increasing its activi-ties. The intelligence services have by now doubtless identi-fied the command structure but it takes hard evidence to present legal restrictions that is no easy o come by. Any-body with aspirations for peace can only be dismayed

Christopher Thomas

A hundred years on, memories of a Harrow immortal

He attacked the government's record at every point. The war in South Africa was unjust, that in Afghanistan a policy of "utter shamelessness". He condemned the Prime Minister for speaking of "our Irish fellow-citizens" in terms of "insult and outrage". He put before the electors a vision of England as she ought to be: "There rises at such moments before the Jacobins a "mixed lot" but he was broadly in sympathy rises at such moments before with their views and thought one's eyes the picture of what England might, with equal laws, them vestly preferable to the Versaillals. with class privilege abolished, with perfected education, with

Harrow took Bowen's politics in its stride as only a school secure in its reputation can. It is difficult to imagine modern been those of a young Lloyd George but Balfour's opponent was a middle aged bachelor master at a public school, Harrow, His name was Edward public schools, so sensitive about their public image, being as tolerant of a housemaster whose hero was Che Guevara and who spent his holidays hobmobbing with revolutionacies. schoolmaster and not just hecause his radical politics seem so out of piace in the world of the public school. He was an admirer of Garibaldi and insisted that the boys in his house about wear red Bowen joined the staff at Harrow as a classical beak in

1859 and remained there until his death from a heart attack while bicycling in Burgundy in 1901. He was soon in conflict with senior colleagues who believed that relations with boys should

leader. He was in Paris during the Commune. What better disagreed and mocked the older place for a Liberal to spend the Easter holidays? He found the Jacobins a "mixed lot" Gods should be informal with verse: to suggest that senior Gods should be informal with mere mortals was "Rank treason discussed in the name of Reform". Bowen won, as he tended to do. The senior men talk to boys without provoking

> Bowen was a natural critic of the old order but he was also that characteristic English figure, the sentimental radical, the innovator in love with the past. While attacking the drudgery of the grammatical teaching classics and the foolishness of colleagues who regarded schoolboy peccadillos as mortal sins, he was writing the most famous Harrow School songs: he man who admired the communards also wrote Forty Years On, the quintessence of public school sentiment.



The remarkable Edward Bowen

There was something of a contradiction, too, in his approach to housemastering. He disliked the concemporary pub-lic school worship of team spirir: neither the house nor on which to sacrifice the in-dividual. But in his hatred of dividual. But in his hatred of luxury there was no room for individual preference. Plain living stood in some causal relationship to high thinking. When one of his pupils, G. M. Trevelyan, took two hot baths in one week, Bowen warned him of the dangers: "O boy, that's like the later Romans, boy!"

Bowen, the devoted house-

will keep, writing letters and there is always the chance the boys will set the house on fire ". Trevelyan, Bowen a very great housemaster indeed. To the wider world,
Bowen was an educational reformer whose ideas they read
in the Saturday Review and the
Journal of Education. He was a
prolific writer. He gave evidence to royal commissions. His
opinion was sought by governments. He was the most famous
assistant master of his day. But

Bowen the brilliant classical ution against the pre-eminence of Latin and Greek in the curriculum. He urged the importance of the first class teaching of science, history and modern languages but he retired to believe the ir was fused to believe that it was possible to train a man to do the job. What mattered was that the teacher had moral gifts. "A bad man reaching history well", he told the Bryce Commission on Secondary Education, "is far

assistant master of his day. But the contradictions were still

worse than a good man teaching history badly ". In 1869 he launched the Modera Side at Harrow, with a curriculum "on rational prin-ciples, teaching no Greek but lots of history, modern lan-guages and science. "The success of the Modern Side is, in retrospect, his most important achievement. Unlike the Modern

which quickly became "a refuge for the intellectually second rate", that at Harrow demanded

Bowen could hardly have known that the country's long industrial decline had already begun and that the attitudes engendered in the public tory factor, but he was clear sighted enough to recognize the harm done to the nation by a curriculum that encouraged the most able young men to succer at science and modern languages.

By the turn of the century Bowen's reputation as an educational reformer had been firmly established. He had been at Harrow for 42 years and began to think of retirement. began to think of retirement. It was spring again, a spring embittered by the Boer War which he opposed and which had robbed him of a favourite pupil he "loved almost as his own son". On Easter Monday Bowen was bicycling wth friends in France. They gor off their bicyclas to walk up a long hill. At the tan Bowen put his foot!

The author is Head Master of Westminster School:

Experimental physiologists have been under attack for some time. They have had to suffer abusive telephone cails, rude letters, threats and harassment because of their experiments on animals.

They have tended to take the view that they did not have to defend their actions because it was self-evident that what they were doing was useful and could be justified to all but

But some university physiclogists have now decided that they can no longer sit back and hope that public attacks on their work by animal welfare organizations and antivivisectionists will not amount

Their change of attitude has heen brought about by the appearance of two parliamentery Bills on animal experi-mentation; one going through the House of Commons, spon-sored by Mr Peter Fry. Conservative MP for Welling-borough, and the other going through the House of Lords sponsored by Lord Halsbury. Both have got through the second reading stage and the Fry Bill is expected to go into committee on March 26. Although the chances of either reaching the statute book

said that it intends to set up its own legislation and many scientists see the present controversy as a dress rehearsal

So the Physiological Society has drawn up detailed critiques of the two Bills and is hoping that when new legislation is framed its views will be taken into account. As Dr Denis Noble, secretary of the society. points out, the last act on the subject, the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876, has lasted more than 100 years and the next one might last as long. "So it is not something to be done too

The society's main criticism of the Fry Bill is that it restricts the use of animals to experiments "calculated to lead to the saving or prolonging of life, or the preventing or alleviating of suffering."

The society says that research scientists can only sometimes "calculate" the benefits of their research. "Typically, this are slim, the Government has stage occurs very late, when realizes that circumstances

calculate the benefits? has been done that enables such 'calculations' to be made.
"To impose such a restriction

now would mean that future applied work would become progressively more difficult or impossible as the fundamental base fails to grow. A recent American study of the research considered essential for certain advances in circulatory medi-cine showed that about 40 per cent of such research was not, and could not, be directed towards a specific practical nutcome at the time it was

The society thinks that the Act has served science well. It recognizes that experiments need to be controlled but thinks that the system of licences under the Act has worked fairly satisfactorily. A basic licence is needed by anyone who experiments on anaesthecertificate is needed for experiments without anaestheric.

But the Physiological Society

most of the fundamental work have changed since the 1876. Act and agrees that it must be updated. It hopes that any new Act will make two important

Animal experiments: who can

First, it wants students to be able to participate in experiments. At precent, nearly all teaching has to be done by demonstration. "The object is to bring home to students the to bring home to grudents the very obvious fact that physiology is an experimental science", said Dr Noble.

Secondly, the society would like any new Act to ellow physiologists to use wild animals, farm suimals and unwanted animals donated by their corners for exerciments.

their owners for experiments. The costs of purpose-bred cats and dogs have gone up from between £5 and £10 to between £80 and £200 each over the last 16 years, making some research prohibitively expen-

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Crueky to Animals kills more than four times as many unv times as many unwanted dogs each year as are used in

scientific experiments (60,000 compared to 14,000), and the Physiological Society considers that some owners might like the option of donating unwanted animals to science provided that

they were used only for fully angesthetized experiments. The pressure for change in the existing legislation has come from the animal welfare organizations, the anti-vivisec-tionists and the Committee for the Reform of Animal Experi-mentation, an umbrella organization representing many of the animal welfare groups.

The latter is perticularly con-cerned that the 1876 Act governs how experiments are done, but not what is done. "Strict controls are long over-due to control the usage of animals in experiments where the overall purposes are the purpoit of commercial enterprise," it said in a memorandum to the Home Secretary last November.
Dr Judith Hampson, the RSPCA's chief animal experi-

issue before any legislation

At the top Bowen put his foot on the pedal ready to remount. He had a clear view for miles over the Burgundian countryside. Then the heart attack killed him instantly.

Sides at many other schools,

would like to see the public being able to bring prosecu-tions for crueky, as provided for in the Fry Bill. At present,

prosecutions can only be brought by the Home Secretary. She would also like to see the establishment of strong scientific ethical committees which would look at what licensees were doing and question whether what they were doing was really necessary.

whether what they were doing was really necessary.

Physiologists reply that allowing people to prosecute scientists through the magistrates courts, as the Fry Bill does, would throw open the door to harassment and malicious prosecutions. They say that whereever possible they use alternatives to animals for experimental work, not least because of their high cost.

They feel they are being squeezed from both sides: from the public, who want new cures

the public, who want new cures and higher standards of safety in medicines, food additives and toilet preparations, and from the animal protection societies, who want almost all, if not all, experimentation stopped.

Above all, the Physiological Society would like to see a thorough investigation carried out into all the complexities of

Annabel Ferriman Health Services correspondent

Bernard Levin

The comparable Max 6

maninov, Rossin' and Reger it service, it seems, his would bound decidedly odd. If had obviously:
Then agaid, I have, inextrice character which three bly wedged into my head, a rhead to spiritual an relief to speculate on the house, though for all I left to speculate on the life and soul of any party he that closer examinate went to, full of merry quips period of his life well and constantly senting the table, that it means only on a rose. (Mind you, Street acquired a consider vinsky, who met him once, sate the plainty: "I found him as remiember whether is repulsive is his music", a consider the life which does have a certainty that Max is ment which does have a cer-tain finality about it.)

Grove, indeed, says he had a keen if somewhat crude sense of humour keen, which suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the harmon and the suggests (no details of either the suggests (no details of ei the keepness or the crudity of Grove), and that are given) that he was a my imaginary po great one for practical jokes of which he is always a simple kind, like putting a portant figures in the small chocolete pudding on the cheer of an unpopular saxu-phonist, and even before com-ang across that reference this was exactly as I envisaged bam. I have never, to my know-ledge, seen a portrait of him; ledge, seen a portrast or mm; even the remorseless (and, to my eye, perfectly dreadful). But never seems to like a producted one, or if he dail it is not to be found among his portraits of composers in the not to be found among his por-traits of composers in the great Dr Scholes's Oxford Com-ing position to Music. But I think of Max Reger as a bulky man, very square in the shoulders, with a slightly straggly mous-trank, thin heir brushed very that the same it

The bulkiness I have in my mind's eye doubtless comes from the quality of such of his music as I have heard, but it might well have been based on the volume of his output. He died at the age of 43, and although his output for an average year of his working life cannot be compared to that of Schubert or Mozart, it certainly beats that of most other composers. Grove lists more than 260 sough alone (plus eight vocal dusts and three vocal quartets), as well as over 200 organ works (including his Opus 67; which consists of "Fifty-three easy Choral Preludes", and his Opus 63; which consists of "Twelve monologues", a form of composition in which I cannot help feeling Max Reger must have excelled).

In addition there are enormous numbers of chamber certainly beats that of most

mous numbers of chamber works and sonatas, together with many sets of variations for various instruments, some of them on themes by other composers, vast quantities of choral works, and a number of orchestral suites and ballets. He never wrote any symphonies, however (only a single sinfonietta), which I cannot help feeling is a mercy, since I suspect that if he had they would have would have been considerably longer than Bruckner's and considerably less inspired. Max Reger was hit off by C Times Newspapers,

it is Max Reger's 107th birthday .: Ernest: Newman-

cally never played at concerts or even broadcast (though no doubt there is a Max Reger Society which devotedly raises music. The great Multiplaces such as Holmes Chapel, ago, went to a changel and which, when it is heard, on the whole abundantly justimate, for there is literally and which mashing in the world but whose output I have heard a the world but whose output I have heard a the world but whose output I have heard a the world but whose output I have heard a the world but whose output I have heard a the world but whose output I have heard a the world's greater and surprising in view of its Max Reger's clarim almost incredible abundante); was played; it app while forming and maintaining a view of it that is as firm as it is unfounded.

The real trouble is that for I don't know the there is something about Reger ever set ears on anyt which makes it impossible to take him seriously, though it; is he always called Max for I don't know the concert of music by Rach wouldn't write and something is Why, for a matic world, were you, by his surname? We do not ordinarily speak of "Wolfgang led a respectable et Mozart", "Giuseppe Verdi" or spart from at epix would bound decidedly odd. Iffe had obviously that would bound decidedly odd.

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or bunglers. words are too harsh.
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LONDON DIARY

The great red plastic debate

A surprising amount of entrepreneurship surrounded Monday evening's debate of the decade between the Labour Party left and the extra-parliamentary left. The pre-cincts of the Memodist Central Hall had the air of a medieval fair with itinerant hawkers attempting to sell their various newspapers.

On tables outside the meeting hall, copies of Marx for Beginners and The Bolsheviks Come to Power were prominently on display next to stands containing the Historic Roll of the Wesleyan Methodist 20th Cen-

Leaflets on every seat in the hall invited people to order a book and a record of the debate. The record, which is being produced on red plastic by a produced on red plastic by a professional recording engineer who normally works with pop groups, should appeal particularly to the 700 people who failed to get tickets, including the representative from the perhaps be forgiven for think-

Pakistani Embassy who queued from 12.30 in the vain hope of gaining admittance to the hall.

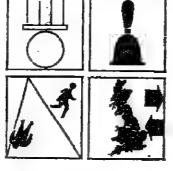
is quite bewildering According to the Morning Star report of Monday night's great debate, the heckling which Mr Tony Benn had to endure came from the Revolutionary Communist Tendency, a splinter group from the Revolutionary Communist Group, which itself broke away from the Socialist Workers Party. Mind you I seem to recall that the Methodists have had to face the same problem themselves.

Whose benefit?

The Rev David Maundrell. vicar of Icklesham in Sussex, thinks that other readers may be interested in taking part in the game which he has invented its latest leaflet "60 ways to

I reproduce four of the more intriguing drawings from the leaflet here. - Cynics could

ing the one at the top left is a special benefit for those who appeared in a certain Prime Minister's resignation honours list and the top right one for those who share the Lord Chancellor's former passion for campanology. In fact they represent war disablement pensions and free school meals



The drawing at the bottom left is perhaps easier to recognize as standing for criminal injuries compensation, although is intriguing that the victim appears to be a man and his ilceing assailant a mini-skirted

Mr Maundrell suggests that crackers, po-faces, impermea-

the fourth picture represents some kind of nuclear exchange, with a Russian missile making for Yorkshire and a British one coming from somewhere in the Central Highlands of Scotland. In fact it illustrates reciprocal social security agreements with other countries.

Dry run

Now the results of an earlier diary competition. Alan Hamilton writes: You responded magnificently with over 200 replies to my recent request for the opposite of "wess" for use as a label to pin on the hardliners of the Conservative Government. Judging by the unflattering tone of most of the entries, few readers of this particular patch of print adhere to the gospel of steamrolling monetarism.

You will see what I mean from a selection of offerings to describe the rigid Thatcher-ites: mids, burrens, desiccates, huskies, dried-in-the-wools, thatchets, crisps, stiffs, Mikon Keynesians, frigids, drip-dries, brutes, Selsdomans, stiffs, auti-tich classes sign-clones, gulls, dulls, dust-men, wicks, prunes, stones, munimies, saipe-noses, grus,

bles, rhinos, dry rotters, ossifytes, tartars, drygons, high-and-dries, Maggies, wadis and thunks.

We almost went for "glacials", but decided that was really a third category to describe those who, given a few millegnia, might melt their icy views. And we had to reject quite a few which, although sharply clever, were too arcane to stand much chance of passing into common currency. into common currency.

After much deliberation and consultation with my superiors, I can announce that Tory rightwing economists will hence-forth be known as "dryhards". Five pounds each to the eight

who suggested it: D. Kan-torowich of London N19, J. H. E. Franklin of Rochamp-ton, Mrs D. M. Rae of Leatherhead, Mrs J. Rosten of Solihull, J. M. Keidan of Edgware, Mrs A. R. Trouton of London SES,
D. P. M. Michael of Newport,
Gwent, and D. R. Gupta of
London NW11. Congratulations
to them, and thanks to all who took part. Even to the University of Association, who declared that Maggie, Keith and the rest were undoubtedly

Southern sound Any proud Yorkshireman. (or Lancastrian for that matter) will

bands come from northern Britain, where they were dur-tured. But although brass bands are a national phenomena, there is still a widespread if erroneous belief that, apart from the national championships at the Royal Albert Hall, all brass band activity takes place north of the Trent.

With the laudable double object of dispelling that belief and creating more interest in brass bands in the south of England, two emateur impresarios, Mr Robert Turner and Mr John Munn, are bringing the national and European chara-plons, Bleck Dyke Mills Band from Queensbury, near Brad-ford, south for a concert at Wembley Conference Centre on March 29.

"We were concerned about the situation and are attempting to do something practical about generating more interest in brass bands in the south," says Mr Turner, a Yorkshire exile who plays in the once-famous Cherk Farm Salvation Army Band. "We have contacted 300 bands in the court and bree had bands in the south and have had



a good response from many of their members, as well as from youth and school bands." The programme will mark

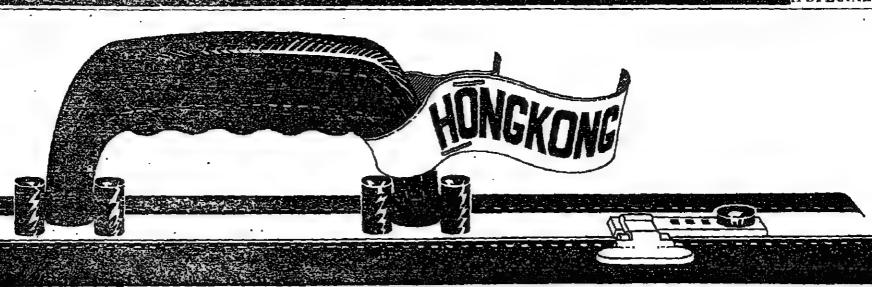
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A bundle of paradoxes

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take into account the realistics of the colony's circumstances and development. Its history and extraordinary position make it a bundle of paradoxes.

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They have also moved into into China lies in the lower costs of land and labour. The idea of an independent than knocking is the foreign currency to buy both residential and hotels, dustrial vane is to charge a rent of SHk2 to SH But people can still bring pressure to bear on the administration; and for its part the Government has

The council meets in public and, although its power is with daily summaries and limited, it does fairly important work as an environ-

or non-government members of the Executive Council and

Hongkong is inevitably an irritant and an affront to a sayway; and Hongkong is executive meets in private in private any unamber of people in Britain. In their view it its a remnant of empire, an anachronism, a capitalist paradise exploiting workers, a colony without out democracy. It all adds out, they say, to a blot: Hongkong is nothing to be proud of.

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portant work as an environmental authority, covering refuse collection, markety, libraries, recreation, amenities and the like.

It follows, then, that the Government has to pursue other ways of involving the people in what it is doing. "Hongkoug has to be governed by consensus," Mr Li Fook Kow, Secretary for Home Affairs, said. "We have to seek opinion, to consult, to make compromises," Certainly the "unofficial" or non-government members

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is not as great as it appears. Li Qiang, the Chinese would be very vulnerable if ernment, it has let the pays possibly three Foreign Trade Minister, has the Viginamese Government in unemployment. times that rate to his been to Hongkong twice in reversed its present policy Chinese partner, who passes the past 18 months, the man of restricting emigration. some of it on to the individ- who is now Gevernor of The increased flow some of it on to the individ- who ual workers and retains the rest for his own use. Neverthat in the colony.

Against these advantages you have to set low product east Asia. tivity, poor management and, in a country where un- from Hongkong each year, employment and underemployment are widespread, total foreign exchange earn- then tune in to Hongkong the tendency to take on more people than are necessary.

The modernization programme in China affected the pattern of Hong- of its imported fuel. kong trade as well as investment, in particular the colreexported Hongkong \$1,315m worth of goods to China in 1979, primarily textile products, telecommunications equipment, road vehicles, specialized machinery, and crude animal and Chinese interest in Hong-vegetable materials. This kong are welcomed by the ery, and crude animal and was more than six times the colony, however. The gra-

worth of goods of Chinese origin in 1979, 28.3 per cent China. The number arrested of its total reexports and up by \$2,004m over the previous year.

usefulness of flongkong to the Chinese that 115,000 illegal immi-has been strengthened by grants got through unde-the political repprochement tected. In Hongkong, once and the colony over the "first and second bases", past year. In March, 1979, setting beyond the New Terscame the first Governor ritories, he is entitled to became the first Governor stay. of Hongkong to pay an official visit to Chima since the grants, 94,577 legal immifounding of the People's grants entered Hongkong in Republic in 1949. He 1979. These are people who returned with a request have been given exit permits from Deng Xiaoping, the by the Chinese and on that Chimese senior deputy account are accepted by the Prime Minister, to tell colory Prime Minister, to tell colony, investors in Hongkong "to Total put their hearts at case", a China, put their hearts at ease ", a China, therefore, added lion fromessage which was repeated more than 200,000 people panies

assured him of "the import- received a large number of Lo Wu and Sha Tau Kok in ance to them of the role Vietnamese refugees. The the east. which Hongkong is playing flood of the first half of

Guangdong province was there in December, and when he stops off there at

more than 30 per cent of its ings. Its sales to the colony in 1979, worth SHK15,129m and second only to those of Japan, included 45 per cent pro- of Hongkong's imported has foodstuffs and 30 per cent

Investment by China Hongkong is such that its ony's role as an entrepor, stake in the economy is greater than that of other government, including the Government of Hong-Its interests include kong. Its interests include banks, insurance companies, factories, travel and property.

Not all manifestations dual blurring of the border has coincided with a huge increase in the number of illegal immigrants from in Hongkong rose from 8,551 in 1978 to 90.037 in 1979, with a monthly peak of 15,047 in December.

Nearly all were repatriated. between Peking, Whitehall an immigrant has passed

As well as illegal immi-

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of the most densely popular ordered for the police and a The governor said that lated areas in the world. On new 16ft wire, border fence Chinese at all levels had top of this, Hongkong is being built between

people and goods across the allow so many rest for his own use. Never-theless, even the inflated the first Chinese Foreign Chinese to escape into the rate is much lower than Minister to visit the colony colony. Friends and relathe end of a tour of South- from Hongkong with stories number of those arrested east Asia.

China receives between border and bring tangible 647 in July.

SUS4,000m and SUS5,000m proof of this in the shape of from Hongkong each year, television sets and radios, more than 30 per cent of its on which the receipents apparent acquirecemen in the shape of the s

programmes.

A relative in Hongkong should payment have to be made to someone who will help him get through first second bases. According Superintendent David wards, deputy command-of the Frontier Division

Most of the illegal jounigrams come from an area up to three and four days' march from the Hongkong border. Others come by boat from farther afield to the east and a third group swims across Mirs Bay and Deep Bay on either side of the New Territories.

The average illegal immitween the ages of 16 and 26, a farm worker with a low level of education. Unlike his forerunners in the 1950s work and finds it difficult to fit into a disciplined industrial society. He is not popular with Hongkong fac-tory managers. The legal tory managers. The legal immigrant tends to be older and to come over with his Hongkong.

The influx from China affects the colopy in several ways. First, it has to spend more on the Armed Forces and police. Reinforcements lest year included a battafrom Britain, two com-es of Gurkhas from Huang Hua. the Foreign which, with more than five copters, two SRN 6 hover-Minister, after the visit million inhabitants in 408 craft and a fast patrol hoat. craft and a fast patrol hoat. colony's future.

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> apparent acquiescence in high levels of emigration is that it does not feel as strongly as Hongkong about provides a point of contact the dangers of such an informal illegal immigrant flux, A more cynical wiew once he is across the would be that by adding to border, and a source of cash the population of Hongkong, province Can the dangers of such Guangdong province can earn more from food exports to the colony.

> Whatever the real reason, the increase in immigration should be seen in the light of a more liberal policy within China, which has resulted in greater freedom er of the Frontier Division of a more liberal policy of the Royal Hongkong within China, which has Police, the average price resulted in greater freedom demanded by siders and of movement. Sources close abettors of illegal immigrants is SHK4,000.
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> The property of the Frontier Division of a more liberal policy within the policy of the Hongkong Government suggest also that a lock of confidence among ment suggest also that a Chinese officials may lead them to accede more readily then before to

> > Relations between Hongkong and China have improved vastly since the dark days of the Cultural Revolution. However, from the Hongkong side there are two things which the Chinese could do to make the picture even rosier. The first would reduction in immigra specific guarantees about the future of Hongkong.

As the Hongkong economy becomes more savanced, investment tends to be more capital-intensive and slower to yield a profit. Seen in that light, 1997, the date when the lease on the New Territories expires, is not that far ahead. Mr Jimmy McCreary director of the McGregor, director of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, believes that investor confidence in Hongkong will fall from its present placeau in two years time unless, in the mean-time, the Chinese make a

Simon Scott
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From the colony, albeit partly
for tax reasons. It has also

Anthony Rowley, Business Editor of the 'Far Eastern Economic Review

analyses the Hongkong budget for 1980-81 and

looks at the colony's finances in the light of a recent report

Public spending has resulted in weakened dollar

influences have liberally at work over the

past year. For instance, a boom in bank lending and in the property markets, which horsted the money supply growth to nominally alarming levels and which

go in for economic planning,

develop in a free environ-

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This approach by official-

dom has led to the growth of a strong banking sector in Hongkong with some 115

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dustry to spring up.

Critics of Singapore's

much more planned economy often, hold that Singapore's

interventionism has stifled the republic's financial sec-tor while the growth of Hong-

koug's is a vindication of

aisser faire principles. This

however, as the report of an official advisory committee on diversification of Hongkong's economy showed last

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The question, then becomes one of whether

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On the whole, Sir Philip Sir Philip has made no social spending, particularly liquidity.

Haddon-Cave, the Financial bones about the fact that on housing.

Secretary, appeared sanguine government spending, rather about Hongkong's immediate than private consumption executomic prospects when he presented his annual budget culprit behind the boom was underpinned by soaring traints imposed to the Legislarive Council on which has pushed overall financial revenues which currency was nied to the Legislarive Council on which has pushed overall financial revenues which currency was nied to the Legislarive Council on which has pushed overall financial revenues which currency was nied to the Legislarive Council on which has pushed of output have given the Government. As a result credit continuation of growth rares sucking in imports, boossing for several years and which heavy demand whith the visible trade gap and have built up the free has reflected a boom designed to continue to support dollar. growth to nonstartly alarming levels and which continuation of growth rares in the extend severe overthreatened severe ove

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Sir Philip Haddon-Cave,

The fourth area of concern

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be given to creating a more

Sir Philip Haddon-Cave

has announced his intention

to legislate soon (observers

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The Financial Secretary

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to admit that it may have government and commercial

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Apologists for the laisser was about to embark on an spending by the public sector with inflation, particularly operate at present, as in all this the operation tion and reform. He spoke of Railway Corporation) would beloved of the classical mounting government expension economists, even if they have diture, of a need to reform. All this might be seen as spiralling cost of residential virtue of a cheap and commercial premises in Capital inflows. Hongkong. Inflation ran.out at 11.7 per cent last year on the

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it: "Individual investors tend to dislike such stocks perhaps in part because of the Hongkong tax structure and) in the absence of exchange controls and other barriers Hongkong investors are not forced to invest in the domestic market." further amounced (on Feb. should offset, at least partly, such as incorporate the boom in public spending. Informal Exchange Official rent controls on Association by star become essential increases to 21 per cent over dealings in gold in Hong increases to 21 per cent over dealings in gold in Hong increases to 21 per cent over dealings in gold in Hong increases to 21 per cent over down a it will be pushed we reluctant, non-interventionist towards greater into the domestic market."

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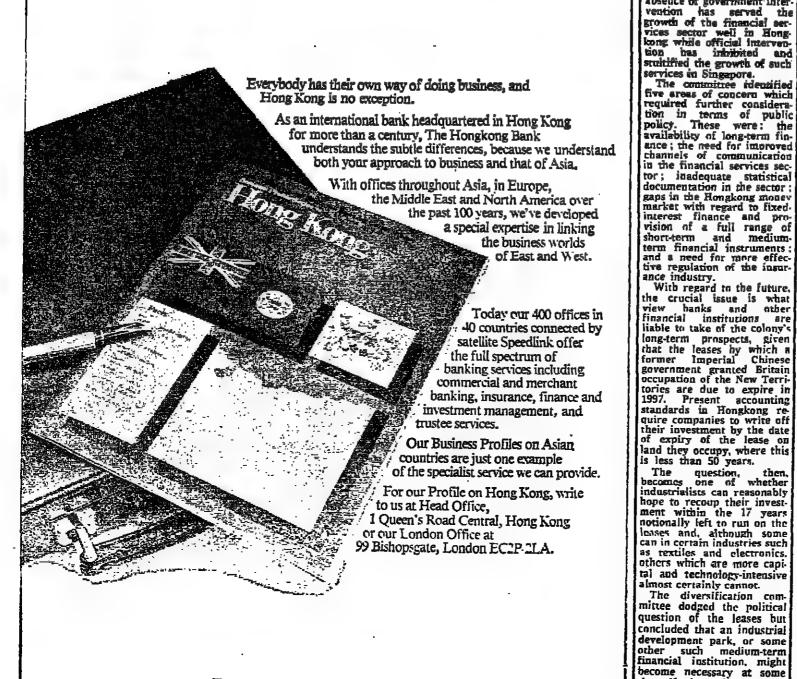
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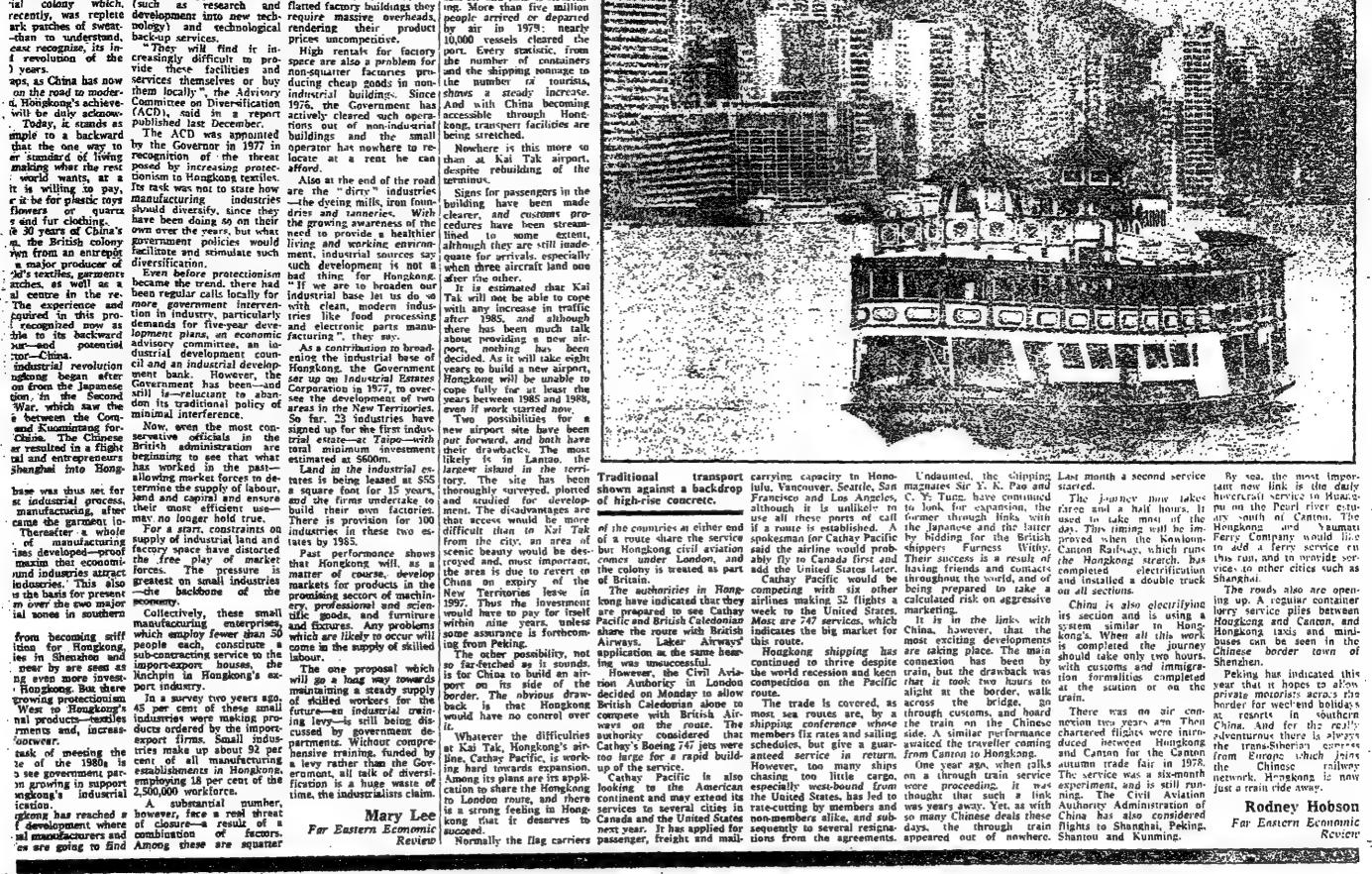
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Even before protectionism bad thing for Hongkong after the other.

became the trend, there had "If we are to broaden our been regular calls locally for industrial base let us do so Tak will not be able to cope industrial revolution necessary began after on from the Japanese tion, in the Second War, which saw the don its traditional policy of the industrial base of the decided. As it will take eight the vears to build a new airport, the corporation in 1977, to overtically the second of the industrial base of the industrial bas even if work started now. Two possibilities for

signed up for the first industries new airport site bave been trial estate—at Taipo—with total minimum investment their drawbacks. The most estimated at \$600m.



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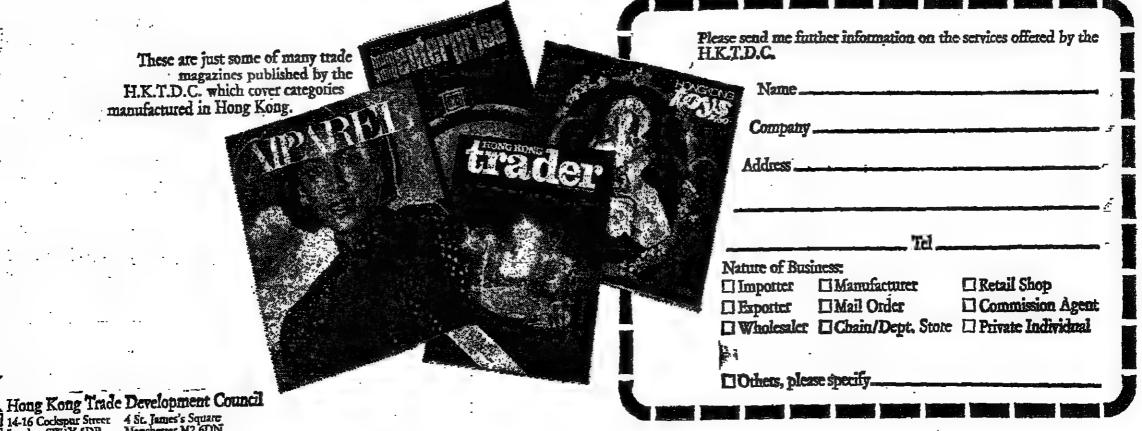
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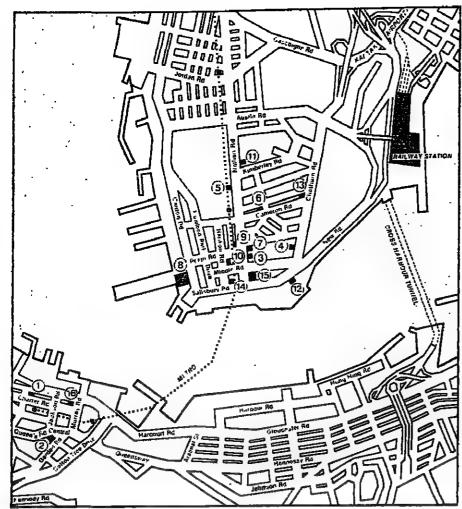
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How to get there

Kai Tak International Air- Measures airlines for flights to and metric system. from all parts of the world.

British Airways has regular Leisure and frequent services to the colony from London. The locally-based airline is Cathay Pacific Airways, which offers passenger services to the Middle and Far East, and to Australia. Although it is possible to reach the colony by sea, there are no longer any regular cargo passenger of or passenger services between Britain and Hong-

Local Travel

Buses, hired cars and taxis are available to carry passengers from the airport to the Star Ferry and to

and the colony also has a is best to get them in Lon-long-established rail link don. with China via Canton.

Frequent daily services by Currency letfoil operate between The colony's currency is the dollar, divided into 100 cents. number of airlines offer international flights from Kai Tak, which is nearly four miles from Kowloon.

Weights and

port, on the north shore of Imperial and local Chinese Kowloon Bay, is used by systems are used, but the more than 30 international colony is changing to the

A booming tourist centre, Hongkong offers almost everything to the visitor, from topless bars to perform-

or chauffeur-driven cars are Visas are not required by available, as are mini-buses most tourists or by holders and rickshaws. Visiting of British passports issued baving left an endemic zone drivers should hold inter- in Hongkong or in Britain, rules vary, and it is as well a Hongkong licence may be tourists are allowed into the heart leaving. a Hongkong literace may be tourists are abowed into the lissued, without the driver colony for periods varying before leaving.

Health standards in Hong-those possessing valid British If visas are required for onlicences. The Mass Transit ward travel from Hongkong many excellent doctors and Railway is now in operation. (to China, for example) it dentists, and the hospitels and the colony also has a is best to get them in Lon-

Notes are issued in 10, 50. 100, 500 and 1,000 dollar denominations. Coins are in five, 10, 20 and 50 cent and one, two and five dollar units. SHK10.99 = £1.

Customs, advice to visitors

Hongkong has an active Liberation Day A social life. Clubs are often Day after mid-Autumn used for lunchrime activities Festival S and for cocktail parties, but Chung Yeung Festival Oct 17 linner. Chinese businessmen frequently offer visitors eight to 12 course meals of Cantonese or Peking-ttyle food. It is customary to drink tosse, with the greeting name sing, as each course is served, but drinking is not obligatory. Good appetites are appreciated, but the visitor is not deemed impolite if he chooses to eat sparingly; informality is the

European residents enjoy giving both formal and infor-mal dinner parties at their homes, but eating our remains very popular in all sections of the community. If ordering a restaurant meal for a party it is usual to ask for a table: a price will be quoted for a fixed menu. As in Chica, the family name in Chinese comes first. so Tung Kai-chen would be known to Europeans as Mr Tung.

A reasonable quantity of alcohol and tobacco, together with other articles intended for personal use, are ad-mitted duty-free through

In horels and restaurants. rips of 10 to 15 per cent are expected if there is an service charge, and of 21 to 5 per cent when there is one taxi-drivers look for at least O cents extra, or 10 per cenof the price of longer journeys, and gratuities to cloakroom attendants, por ters and the like are any thing from SHK2 to 5. Hair dressers expect 10 per cent of the bill.

Shopping

customs.

Hongkong is a shopper's paradise. Fixed prices are charged in the established stores, but at stalls and it bazaars and establishments catering for local people, it is still possible to bargain The Tourist Association issues a guide which gives useful price lists for a range of items; there are also guides to jewelry and tailor ing. Visitors are advised to ignore touts and shookeepers who call them from door

What to wear

ight or tropical weight suits with cotton shirts and ties are favoured by businessmen i the summer and lighter British-style garments from November to February. A lightweight dinner jacket is useful for formal occasions, but tailors can make up visitors' requirements at fairly short notice. Light raing shift honce. Eight raincoars and or umbrellus are needed in the raing sca-son but can be bought locally at low cost.

Women should take light.

eashable clothing in summer,

together with cardigans or wraps for the evening. Woollen dresses and suits, and lightweight coats, are recom-mended for the cooler months. Most public places are air-conditioned.

Electricity ··

Domestic supplies are 200V

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Chinese dialects are spoken.

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Public Holidays

Ching Ming Festival Mar 31
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Domestic supplies are 200V AC 50 cycles and industrial power is 200/346V, 3-phase 4-wire, 50 Hertz Plugs and sockets vary; most are 5 and 15 amp, but 13 amp fitments are standard in the public creasingly used in private buildings.

Language

Language

Language

English and Chinese are the official languages. In the urban areas Cantonese predominates, but several other Chinese dialects are spoken. The language and a small portion of the south-east mainland of China. Hongkong the capital, situated—is shout 20 miles east of the mouth of the Pearl river. Some 80 miles to the northwest is Canton, and 40 miles to the northwest is Canton, and 40 miles were leased to Britain for 99 to the west the Portuguese province of Macao. The listent point is Victoria Peak (1,805ft); it is about 11 miles long, two to five miles broad, and the highest point over the rest of the south-east mainland across the head capital on the mainland across the banking activities are the contracted britant for 99 to the west the Portuguese province of Macao. The islands are areas together make up the modern Crown is Victoria, and the highest point is Victoria Peak (1,805ft); it is about 11 miles long, two to five miles broad, and the last of the south-east mainland across the banking activities are centrated in the Centr. The New Territories and a large number of adjacent islands around Hongkong were leased to Britain for 99 to the modern Crown make up the modern Crown is vices, together with a capital with the main? The New Territories and a large number of adjacent. Transit Railway, lind capital with the main? The New Territories and a large number of adjacent. Transit Railway, lind capital with the main? The New Territories and a large number of adjacent. Transit Railway, lind capital with the main? The New Territories and a large number of adjacent. Transit Railway, lind capital with the main? The New Territories and a state capital with the main? The New Territories and a large number of adjacent. Transit Railway, lind capital with the main

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Dialects do not affect written to the Kowloon peninsula, on the mainland to the morth, by a mile-long road tunnel and the Mass Transit Railway. Kowloon (with Stonecutters island, 5 sq miles) is in turn linked to the New Territories (370

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from topless bars to performances of Chinese opera climate is extremely variances of Chinese opera climate is outhern portion of Chinese of Chines Atter this, cloud frequently builds up, sometimes bring ing light but fairly persisted be booked well in advance. Most of the main hotels cater for non-residents, and there are many restaurants offering all types of cuisine.

Chinese food is cooked in many different ways; those who are unsure about choice should try an establishment teaturing dim sum, where trays containing a choice of small dishes are offered.

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r: His Excellency Director of Education: Hon per cent

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Hongkong trade statistics

Employment ('000 persons)

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rown Colony is the Major-General Sir Roy Hon John Charles Geasey bility of the Gover- Michael Frederick Redgrave. Walden. of Medical Health Services: Dr the

Hon Thong Kah-Leong. Director of Public Works: Director of Social Welfare: Hon Thomas Lee Chun-Yon.

Electricity consumption rose & per cent last year com-pared with 10 per cent in 1978, reflecting the higher servation measures. sumption in the domestic sector increased only by 3 11 per cent respectively. In 1979, electricity was for

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| the world | 14.644 45.791 | 20.130 63,055 | 85,837 | skin & steels Chemicals Food | 25 35 3 58 | 35.03 10.43 | 41 23 12 22 | 19.5 13 (|
| s for Hongkon | | 15,125 | 18.797 | Spinis & digarettes Miscellaneous goods | 8 94 24.32 | 9 13 33 01 | 12 44 | 13.5 47 (|
| States iermany | 3,669 3,035 | 4,425 3 871 | 6.344 5.974 | Total | 204.43 | 271.17 | 352.44 | 442. |
| ila a the world | 3,035 1,388 1,247 1,171 10,944 | 1.855 1.494 1.271 12.668 | 2.656 1,789 1,637 18,714 | Scurce : Department of Trade | | | | |
| | 35,004 | 40.711 | 55,912 | Main exports to Britain | (£m) | | | |

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| 1977 | 1978 | 1978 |
| 35.00 (+7.3°.) | 40.71 (+16.3°, 1 | 55 91 (+37.4%) 85 84 |
| (+12.5°°) | (+29.5^1) | (+36.2%) 20.03 |
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Figures in brackets are the change Source: Hongkong trade statistics

sand to quarried sand.

Primary production

Limited arable land and

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| Food | 3 94 | 9 13 | 12 44 | 13.59 |
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| Total | 204.43 | 271.1 7 | 352.44 | 442.23 |
| Source : Department of Trade | | | | |
| Main exports to Britain | (£m) | | | |
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 |
| Clothing & accessories—mail of collon & made-made horse Manufactured goods—mainly | , . 12 530:59 | 215.05 | 251.54 | 307.85 |
| yams, fabrics, precious stor not acourers | 77.50 | 70.76 | 79.21 | 104.79 |
| Machinery—mainly radios. calculators & compensors | 30 74 | 38.93 | 58 24 | 81.45 |
| Miscellaneous—mainly loys. | 54.68 | 70 09 | 71 69 | 96 30 |
| books & decorations | 43.07 | | 33 54 | 45.85 |

439.50 454.06 531.37 690.70 Source: Department of Trade

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Expenditure on the gross domestic product (SHK m) at current market prices 1975 Gdp components Private consumption 48,767 91Ulibrecxs Government consumption 4,453 expenditure Gross domestic lixed 16.907 13,830 capital formation 53.907 44.633 Exports of goods (86,469) (63,263) (42,793) Less imports of goods Exports less imports 7,293 1,105 6,059 of services -6371.702 increases in stocks 67,345 69,174 59,429 Total expenditure on 942 Provisional estimates † Preliminary estimates

Labour force (land civilian non-institutional population age 14 and above)

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| | 1973 | 1978 | 1979 | 197 9 |
| | Mar | Sep | Ma: | Sap |
| Labour force | 2 698 000 | 2.058.000 | 2.095.000 | 2 194.000 |
| Unemployed | 60 900 | 56.000 | 48.000 | 75.000 |
| Employed | 1 940,000 | 2,003.000 | 2.048,000 | 2.120.000 |
| Labour force participation rate Unemployment rate | 60.7*: | 60 9°: 2.7° | 59.8% 2.3% | 60.7° |

Labour situation

Employment in the manufacturing sector grew rapidly throughout last year and by December, at 871.000, was 6.6 per cent higher than a year earlier. Within these clothing industries rose by 2.2 per cent, while the electrical electronics sector went up by 20.2 per cent. Employment on building and construction sites increased 15 per cent during the 12 months to September 1979 to reach 80,000.

Hongkong's economy has growth rate in 1978. The average hotel occupancy rate was 91 per cent last year compared with 89 per cent in 1978. It is expected that five new hotels will be completed this year, providing about 1,500 additional rooms.

On average, a tourist spent in 1978.

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The economy

vear and, within this, the price of fuel and light went up by 54 per cent.

For industry, the prices of raw materials and semimanufactures averaged more than 20 per cent higher, much in line with movements in world prices. Price increases for plant and machine. ery, mostly imported, were .

about 10 per cent in 1979. Expansion of the financial sector continued rapidly. The number of liceused banks in operation rose from 88 to 105 over the year and employment increased by 20

per cent. Money supply (M3) grew by 30 per cent, or \$22,846m while bank loans increased by \$19,395m. Best lending rate rose from a level of 41 per cent before May 1978 to 14! per cent in August 1979.

Tourism

At the end of 1979 there were 46 hotels in Hongkong with a total of 14,363 rooms. compared with 50 hotels and 13,500 rooms two years earlier. The number of earlier. The number of thurists increased by 8 per cent last year, less than the growth rate in 1978.

per cent puring the months to September 1979 to reach 80,000.

Toral population rose by an alarmingly high 5 per cent last year, compared with 3 per cent and 3.5 per cent in 1977 and 1973. Not immigration during 1979 was 188,000. This included legal second and illegal immigrants from 1980. The growth rate in 1978 included legal second and other countries, because of the unusually rapid growth rate of the population arising maintees and 10 per cent in 1979 was 6 per cent less for 1978. The growth rate in 1979 was 6 per cent less for 1979 was 6 per cent less for

arrivals were of working age or participants in the labour or participants in the labour force, the numbers involved were large enough to affect significantly conditions in the labour sector. Most employers welcomed the influx of immigrants as an additional source of labour, but for employees the effect was that wages and earnings did not increase as rapidly as otherwise they might have. By September. 1979, wage rates at least for manufacturing workers were in real terms less than in March, norwithstanding a nominal terms less than in March, norwithstanding a nominal term 4 per cent increase.

At the and of the year, there was no sign of any slowing in the growth rate of demand for labour in spite of the uncertainties surface of 16 per cent over the previous sector from the previous framework regionally, was probably second only to (appan and roughly equal to Singapore.

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The growth rate in real terms of total exports was 20 per cent, significantly higher than the 9 per cent growth of domestic demand. Export sales were helped by a depote of the Hongkong show the proportion moving show the proportion moving show the proportion moving show the proportion moving the sales were helped by a depote of labour. Wage at a slower rate.

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(277.270 employees), slectrical appliances and electronics (117,713), textiles and income generated from the value of domestic (100,825), metal products exports at \$55,912m was 37 per cent higher than in 1978 and machinery (98,387), plestics products (87,853). In real terms the increase from the increase of fresh vegatables is local grown and well over three quarters of the sound of the year were still manufacturing employment. (277,270 employees), slectri

fronted with problems in-

quarters of fish requirements and of the year ware still are caught or farmed locally rapid and order books were Mining is limited to feld full, it looks as if this successful performance will contributed and construction building and construction tinue at least into the first boom in recent years has half of 1980. About one resulted in a heavy demand quarter of the total imports for aggregates from quarries were reexported, mostly to large the total supports and there has been some Jepan and the United States. posed by neighbouring countries, high inflation and increases in interest rates. But despite this, the manufactur the exception or the plastics industry—which was effected by materials shortages—nearly all sectors expanded at a steady pace. Clocks and watches were among the fastest growing industries. Clothing Nearly all product lines registered increases in exports. Slow market conditions in the United States were compensated for by an upturn in the EEC markets, Britain and West Germany in particular. Denim garments communed to perform reasonably well. Shirtmaking and outer-garments production showed slight changes in the product pattern. In the cotton knitwear sector there was a pronounced movement towards higher quality products. lines registered increases i righer quality products.

Textiles. Production in the in the first three quarters of 1979 compared with the corresponding period of 1978. Exports of textile fall rose respectively 21 and 24 per cent in this period. The number of weaving looms in-stalled in the third quarter was 7 per cent higher than a year earlier. The rate of us was 96 per cent. The num ber of textile yarn spindle high at 95 per cent. Electronics. This is the second largest industry in

export earnings. A more integrated production system has developed increased manufacture of electronic components and parts to reduce dependence on imports of foreign com-ponents. New growth areas rave been centred around microprocessor based games lomestic computers and high quality led (liquid crystal dis-

Plastics. Product lines includ ing conventional toys and dolls, plastic flowers and plants have been giving way to high quality creative toys and electronic devices. Small ler manufacturers were hard est hit by materials short-ages and sharp price increases.

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down the coast.
It is not difficult to detect a note of resentment, too. The Chinese love of games chance is denied to the inhabitants of Hongkong. There, strict gambling laws forbid betting on anything but horse racing and the state lottery, and that only through the Royal Hongkong lookey Club.

Jockey Club.

But this does not serve to the third the Chinese passion. In 1978, £362m was placed in bets with the Jockey Club, nearly five times as much as was spent, on course and off, by the whole of Britain on the Tote. The profits have yone partly on catering for even more gambling.

The territory's lovers of the turf can now choose between two courses—the riginal Jockey Club track at Happy Valley, an unlikely creen and brown blob in Hongkoug's island — or the new corridor — or the new course at Sha Tin, a plush complex by the sea in the

New Territories.
It is at Sha Tin that Hongkong's legal gambling com-munity comes into its own, filling the visitor with the impression that half of the colony is trying to raise the cash to enable it to het as madly as the other half.

A large video screen shows nunters any parts of the race relays the latest odds on any number of highly complex bets with names like quinella and six up, which can prove newcomers from

You even have to ber to own a horse. Last year, 656 lockey Club members paid between £3,000 and £5,000 Sha Tin. Regular rides are a protif, into nongkongs larguranteed because of the guaranteed o



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A police case of advances and humiliations

Secrecy is an aspect of An official review of the tion syndicates, 18 of them was viewed with suspicion, ing place it will at many sides of Chinese life Royal Hongkong Police Force rooted in the police force, almost as a subversive organ a lubricant. So, pre but it is not taken lightly notes that the 1970s were one in gambling, an activity en-joyed with only slightly less decades in the force's 137ostentation than eating out year history. It talks of That, more than anything advances and "giant strides" explains the success of in various areas. But it does Macao, nine square miles of not say that the 1970s were territory ostensibly under wounding as well as momen-Portuguese administration, tous; that they were marked but in fact run totally by by corruption, shame, shat-businessmen answerable to tered public confidence and an angry and unruly demon-stration by police officers amounting almost to a riot.

There, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Hongkong gamblers visit the golden roulette wheels of the Lisboa Hotel, and play fan-tan, a leisurely way of losing money by guessing the number of buttons left in a heap by the croupier, or hi-lo, a complex dice game.

Westerners would be well advised to stick to roulette The Chinese games generally in the case of fantan by as much as 10 per cent com-pared with about 1:35 for

him 10 per cent of all the stakes laid down to fourth place, which can account for 25,000 in a season.

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both its premises and its senior staff. The police can hardly be The police had few friends in the foreseeable future", blamed for emphasizing the in all this. And their unruli- he said. "After all, many positive and trying to place ness helped to disperse any policemen feel uncomfortable; the bad events firmly behind latent sympathy for their about it and the way it works: it is a law enforcement agency operating out-side the force and some policemen have been con-cerned about the sort of

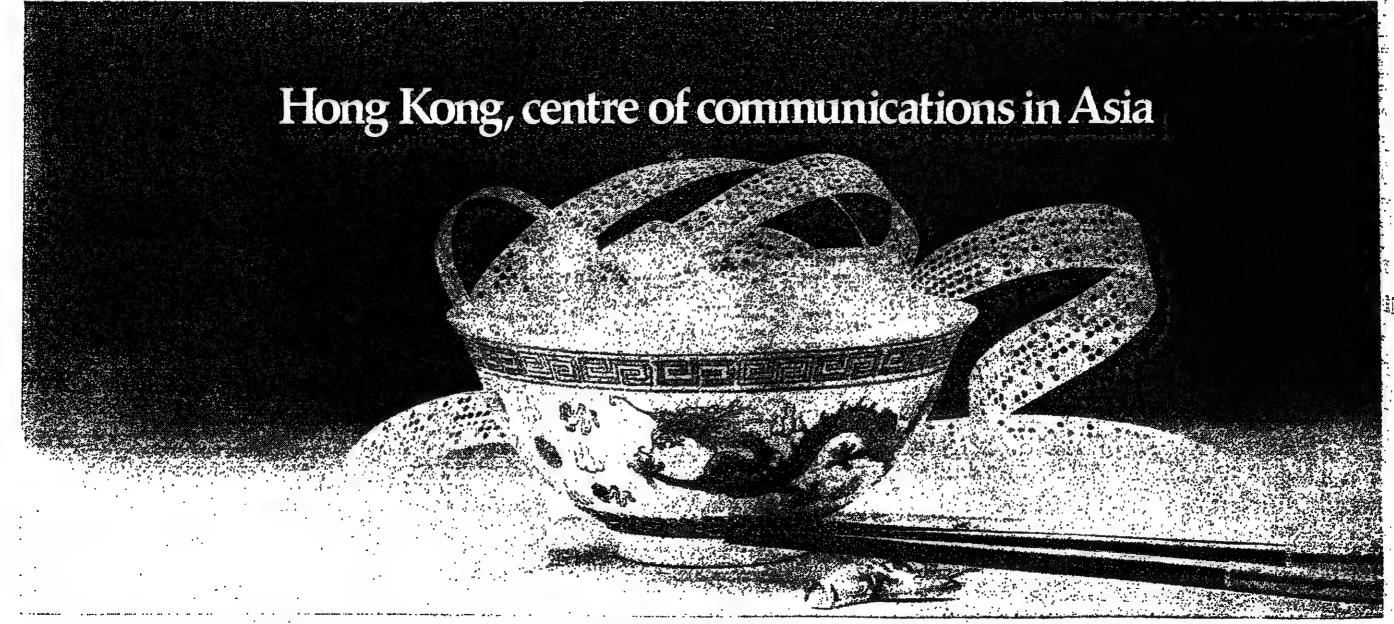
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RS THATCHER'S DISSIDENTS

lways difficult to assess Parliament was to exercise moral is no obligation upon citizens to ct weight to be attached pressure upon the sportsmen. ijority vote in the House reacted so differently from the mons when much of the has taken the form of Government and Parliament? ons. A large majority of The first answer must be the ning on Monday evening depressing one that for many ed the Government's call people Afghanistan appears as a att the Olympic Games in small, far-off country of too little , but those who took this direct consequence to Britain to numbered slightly under justify the abandonment of our : whole House. If thereaccustomed activities, especially were to assume that all when these activities are as who abstained for one popular as the Olympic Games. of another were in fact This dulled reaction should not rs, then it would follow be mistaken for approval of the Government had failed Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. in the ringing endorse-The Government is unquestionhad sought. The most ably speaking for the British side conclusion, though, me some way between people in condemning the Soviet action, but there is a certain he size of the majority sleepy public response in purvalue and making the suing that condemnation into naive judgment that all action. ons were an expression Secondly, there is a reluctance sition, on an occasion to entwine sport with politics. It is significant that the polls ie outcome was not in The Government has backing for its stand also reveal strong opposition to boycotting sporting encounters with South Africa. This judg-ment is often combined with a strong enough to make rting authorities recog-

if they persist in attendbelief, which is not justified by ames they will be acting the facts, that sporting boycotts to the considered t of the Commons. thletes will inevitably can never be an effective political weapon. They have induced various changes in South African i account, however, that eral public appears to practice, even though these have not gone by any means far enough; and a successful boy-cott of the Moscow Olympics very different attitude Government and Parliawo public opinion polls would beyond doubt inflict an wn a large majority in international humiliation upon f Britain attending the the Soviet Union which would nd one of the polls even reinforce the earlier condemnathat a majority believe tion in the United Nations-in leres should not feel by a resolution of the f Commons. One must addition to embarrassing Soviet leaders before their own public course, confer upon at home. Yet many British polls the same authority people have an instinctive disin Parliament. We have like of all sports boycotts. become a plebiscitary ry; and if we had, the They have an equally instinctive dislike of being pushed around by their own Governes would be a little more ed than the spap answers ment. This is an attitude with a pollster. None the less, which one is bound to sympa-

take account of expressions of Why has the general public opinion in Parliament unless Parliament itself decides to give those opinions legislative force. Opinion certainly seems to have hardened against the Government since the announcement of restrictions upon civil servants and other public employees attending the Olympics. There is resentment against what is

> degree of official arm-twisting. What conclusion then should be drawn? Certainly not that the Government was wrong to advocate a boycott of the Olympics in the first place. That decision was, and remains, abundantly justified. The weakness has been in failure to convince the public of its justification. To some extent, that failure is due to inadequate gifts of persuasion possessed by the Government, and indeed by newspapers and others who agreed with its stand. But there is a deeper problem than that. This episode points to the difficulty of conducting an effec-tive foreign policy in a

believed to be an unacceptable

democracy.
One of the arts of foreign policy is to relate one problem to another, one development in one country to the wider international scene. The recognition of these indirect linkages is the essence of foreign policy. But it requires a more subtle awareness of the nuances of inter-national affairs than most people, who have enough to cope with living their own lives, have the time or the inclination to acquire. Only when a threat is obvious do they respond. Most people in Britain deplore the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan as an act of aggression. They see that it presents some kind of threat to the free world, but they do not see with much precision what that threat is or its urgency. If they did they would willingly forgo more than the Olympics

R TRADE UNION HEADS AGAIN?

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weeks ago the unions' rejection of the offer still on the table today was endorsed by three out of every five workers voting in a ballot (not quite half the total of those eligible to vote). But since then the company's trading position has been shown to be even worse than had been supdaring back to last been called for, and the unions

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right. In a free country, it is very

reasonably maintained, there

the workforce as a fait accompli. The sooner the improved working practices go into effect, the sooner they will begin to contribute to the company's rescue. The management have done well in recent months by appealing, in effect, straight to the workers over the heads of their union officials, about the Edwardes plan and about Mr Derek Robinson. Provocative as the suggestion was, it was feebly parried by the unions with the threat that they threatened no strike bur wouldn't answer for the shop-

But it is not clear that BL's latest notion is as well-based as

the other two proved to be. If if tries to renegotiate individual contracts (some 80,000 employees are involved), a large or small minority will undoubtedly resist. If it proceeds by declaring that employees who continue to come to work will be deemed to have tacitly accepted the new regime, confusion and unnecessary ill-will seem certain to ensue. There is a possibility of many "constructive dismissal" claims before industrial tribunals (the company is already involved in one such case, in comparable circumstances). The company would be quite likely to end up having paid the increases, back pay and all, without securing the productivity gains.

In a situation where great tensions exist, the management might do best to contain its impatience a little longer. As for the union negotiators, that sense of imminent danger which inhibits them from calling a strike should also impress on them the urgency of reaching a settlement that many of their followers, are ready to accept, and that would strengthen the competitive position of the enterprise they all depend on.

IES TOWARDS THE HOMELESS

ent space of court bearing on a council's cuse the homeless coin in a review currently. lertaken by the Depart the Environment intoings of the Housing s Persons) Act, 1977. that Act a local has the duty to provide dation for homeless n priority categories, families with children nant women. That duty, is only absolute where lessness has been unin-In such cases, the nust provide permanent dation. Where, however, icil adjudges that the ally, the duty extends providing temporary dation, and to giving d assistance. Where the and unintentional

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duty under the Act, by adopting an unduly strict definition of unintentionality. Many boroughs, for their part, complain that their duty to house the homeless, who are often not from the area ar all, is not only making severe demands on public money, but is hampering efforts to accommodate those residents of the borough who may have been on a waiting list for years. The issue is complicated by the existence, under another Act, of a duty on a local authority to promote the welfare of children and avoid, if possible, the need to take them into care. What then does the council do when stopping aid to an intentionally homeless family has the effect of breaking up the family and causing the children to be taken into care also of course at public expense?

Councils with ports of entry in their area argue that they should be exempted from the full rigours of the Act. On the face of it, it seems unfair that Hillingdon, say, should have the responsibility for housing destitute families arriving at Heathrow ncils are failing in their without accommodation; and

even if most of them would be classed as intentionally homeless, and thus entitled only to temporary help with housing, the burden on the borough falls disproportionately. The case for special treatment has not been made out. Many other boroughs, without a port of entry, can claim to bear an unfair burden, particularly in London and the conurbations.

The 1977 Act sought to ensure that the need of distressed families whose lack of accommodation was not of their own making was met, without, however, opening the door to exploitation by those who saw the self-infliction of homelessness as a way of jumping the housing queue. It is inevitable that decisions have seemed harsh to the family in need, and that decisions going the other way have angered local residents of the borough. The objective of the 1977 Act is laudable. Whether it has achieved a fair balance between competing deserving interests should be made clear when the result of the departmental review becomes

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years and that educational estab-lishments for all age levels in Inner London are located to serve article (March 12) "Why catchment areas and have no regard to the artificiality of borough boundaries.

In addition a financial appraisal revealed that a consequence of transferring the education function from ILEA to the inner boroughs would be in the east majority of cases to superimpose on them an insupportable rate burden—and one moreover which rate equalisation would be quite incapable of counter-

I was all too aware of the deprivation and related problems (ethnic and otherwise) of the area.

My prime consideration was the welfare and educational future of the children, particularly in view of the unsettling effects upon pupils of the teacher problems of the past decade and of the fact that it is

going to be difficult enough in the years shead for Inner London to conduct the management of contraction in an era of falling school

known.

rolls. These are some of the more significant factors which persuaded me to recommend that whilst ILEA should be replaced by a statutory joint committee of more relevant representation, Inner London's educational service should remain stable and undisturbed.

In short it was not the service but the governing authority (ILEA) where I considered substantial changes were needed and I recommended accordingly.

Yours etc. FRANK MARSHALL, The Glebe House, Holthy, nr. York, North Yorkshire. March 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welsh arsonists and the BBC

From Mr D. A. Lundie Sir, If the letter from Sir Michael Swann (March 15) is to be taken at its face value, it is clear that the nation has a far more serious problem on its hands than arson in Wales. The Chairman of the BBC appears to be unaware of the power and influence of the medium under his constant. his control.

With great respect to you, Sir, and your fellow newspaper scribes, there is no comparison between the penetration into contemporary public affairs of the written word and that of relevision, and greater power should be used with greater, not equal, circumspection.

Sir Michael writes lengthy rebuttals of accusations that have not been made, but totally ignores or misses the main point. The parti-cular problems of Wales are of course a very proper subject for public inquiry and debate, but to centre that discussion upon outrageous acts of violence is dangerously to misplace the emphasis. It may also encourage their repetition—not so much by your readers, as Sir Michael says, as by the original perpetrators.

When improper, and especially when violent means are used to attract attention to a legicinate concern it is surely the recommission.

cern, it is surely the responsibility of those in control of the prime communications medium to concentrate on the issues rather than on the distraction. I cannot believe that Sir Michael Swann wants the means to justify the end in broadcasting as the archives recovered. the arsonists presumably do in seeking social justice, but that is what his letter seems to say.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. LUNDEE, 62a The Ridgeway, Kenton, Middlesex March 17.

From Mr Keith Best, MP for Anglesey (Conservative) Sir, By alluding to both television and the press (March 15) Sir Michael Swann seems to fail to appreciate the significantly different effect moon the public that these two media have. Irrespective of the much wider coverage of talegistant much wider coverage of television there is the feeling of greater contact with a person who makes a statement on television, compared with one who utters it through the pages of the press.

To give so much space on the Nationwide programme about arson in Wales to the ramblings of a criminal who was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for bomb outrages is to give unwarranted publicity to an unlawful activity and cannot be excused as merely news. I am surprised at Sir Michael's false reasoning in trying to justify this as telling the public "of what is going on in Wales".

going on in Wales."

I found the programme much less offensive than a previous newsnaper report had indicated it would be, wet filming a group of hooligans in a pub passing around badges carrying the slogan. "Strike a light for Wales" is neither news of great note nor analytical. If it conveys the imposession that these needle are impression that these people are responsible for the outbreaks of the impression is given that their movement is widespread it may be misleading and alarmist.

Either way, it falls short of the responsible attitude towards programme presentation which the public have the right to expect of Yours faithfully,

KEITH BEST. House of Commons. March 17.

Worthy heritage From Mr B. Day

Sir, Your correspondent Charles Sir, Your correspondent Charles McKean (March 4) chastises the "oil barons" for failing to leave a worthy built heritage for future generations. Yet the architects he recommends by name have often been responsible for buildings shamefully profligate of energy. Despite the faltering efforts of the Royal Institute of British Architects and a number of honourable exceptions the profession has still exceptions the profession has still not accepted its undoubted duty to lead building design into an age of energy famine, and to make the thermal performance of buildings one of its major concerns.

Fashionable architects continue to be obsessed with appearances, distracting the mass of the profession from a proper concern for the function and economy of the build-ings they create. It is high time that architects set about leaving a worthy heritage of natural resour-Yours faithfully. RRIAN DAY, Department of Architecture. University of Bristol. 25 Great George Street.

Arts and the patron

March 6.

From Mr J. Faulkner Sir, Arthur Crook (March 8) makes a fair point that the taxpayer not the Arts Council is the patron of the artist. He does, however, then fall into three errors. First, the staff of the Arts Council are not a race apart but are themselves taxpavers, and in no way relieved of the dayto-day concerns which are the lot of the taxpaver. Second, decisions of the Arts Council do not depend on the individual tastes of its directors but on a process of consulta-

tion and assessment. Finally, patronage is not exclufinancial relationship. Advice and encouragement artists is a major part of the job of those who work for the council. Valuable though this process can be, we are now frequently placed in the position of being able to offer only advice and encouragement when artists have brought their work to a point at which public subsidy is required to make it accessible to the body of taxpayers.

Yours faithfully, TOHN FAULKNER. Drama Director, The Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, WL March 14.

Averting the perils of nuclear warfare

of the Netherlands and to spend

military budget on research into non-military defence systems.

in the military framework, only one

at least take alternative ideas

From Lieutenant-General Sir John

Sir, Since you published my letter on March 3, regarding an approach to Russia on nuclear disarmament, I have been inundated with letters,

which I cannot hope to answer

individually. After studying these letters, I feel that perhaps I was

Union with one simple statement, namely: that nuclear war would result in the mutual extermination of the human race. Let us then all

agree to abandon all nuclear

If such an agreement could be reached, it might slowly reduce mistrust and fear, resulting in the gradual growth of confidence and the class relayation of propagands

the slow relaxation of propaganda

obviously in the interest of everyone, would be more likely to

Sir, I feel bound to ask you to pub-lish two comments on Professor Farmer's letter (March 15) on the

seriously.
Yours faithfully,

BRUCE KENT,

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Yours,

J. B. GLUBB.

Westwood St Dunstan, Mayfield,

From Mr W. H. Hankin

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W. H. ANKIN, 27 Adelaida Square,

Windsor.

General Secretary.

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From Dr W. A. Wooster Sir, Professor Farmer has well expressed the anxieties of many people concerning nuclear weapons (March 15). Of course the whole world could be made uninhabitable and all living animals could be killed if the nuclear war he fears took place. Our object must therefore be to ensure that it does not take place. For the past three decades the balance between opposing sides has been maintained and

there has been no nuclear war.
The need to maintain this balance
is what should concern us all-Science and its applications are advancing so rapidly that within a few years we could find that oil and coal were no longer required, because atomic fusion had been brought under control. It could also be that the way in which computers and detector systems operate would ensure that any projectile would be exploded on the territory from which it was fired. The development of lasers might make it possible for aeroplanes and satellites to be destroyed without firing a shot.

An important element in preventing war is to make an adversary realise how much knowledge and power we possess. The development of science and technology is an essential part of the maintenance of our standards of human values. We could as easily forbid people to we come as easily forbid people to use fire as we can banish nuclear energy. Our future depends on developing all our skills and improving our standards of behaviour. Yours faithfully,

W. A. WOOSTER. 339 Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, March 16.

From Monsignor Bruce Kent Sir, Professor Farmer has intro-duced a welcome new perspective into the usual debate about defence, military expenditure and security in this age of nuclear overkill.

In the exploration of the deterrent effect of mobilized planned civilian disruption, pacifists and non-pacifists, unilateralists and multilateralists, the pro and anti-Nato lobby, can and ought to work together.

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There is now a substantial litera-ture on the subject of civilian resistance, some of it inspired by a philosophy of non-violence and some with a very pragmatic back-ground. The late Lord King-Hall. Dr Gene Sharp, of Hervard Univer-sity, and General de la Bollardière are only a few of those who have are only a few of those who have stimulated thinking on this subject. We have had a recent and painful example of such civilian obstruction in the north of Ireland. The Ulster strike of 1974, sectarian and far from non-violent, nevertheless made it impossible for the British Army to carry out the will of the Westminster Parliament and, as we know to our cost, the nower-sharing know to our cost, the power-sharing executive collapsed. as a consequence

No one is suggesting that Pro-fessor Farmer is offering all the answers. But it makes good sense to follow the lead of the Government

Europe and Palestinians From Mrs N. Silkin

Sir. Your leading article (March ean rechemi-

11) implies that European recognition of the Palestine Liberation
Organization now depends upon the
latter giving simultaneous recognition of Israel's right to exist.
Since the Baghdad Conference of
1978 (which opted for a peaceful
overall settlement) PLO leaders
have frequently intimated that they
would be proposed to sweet this would be prepared to grant this recognition as part of such a just settlement, in which Palestinian national rights to self-determination and independence in now israeli-occupied territories were also recog-

nised and granted.

But Israeli leaders have consistently and categorically stated that they will never in any circumstances recognise either the PLO or the right of the Palestinians to an inderight of the Falestinians to an inde-pendent state. How, therefore, can the latter be expected to give ad-rance and entirely unilateral recog-nition to Israel, a state which, moreover, pursues the expropriation

and settlement of Arab land?
Sarely EEC recognition of the PLO would help to redress the balance and put some pressure on-both Israel and the Palestinians to come to mutual recognition? Yours faithfully,

N. SILKIN. C/o Mead House, 28 Woodfield Lane Ashtead, Surrey. March 12.

From Mr S. 1. Levenberg Sir, Your editorial of today's date on "Europe and the Palestinians" implies that there is no change in the EEC and British policy towards Israel's incerests; it is highly mis-leading, and not worthy of the high transless of incursility expected of standards of journalism expected of your newspaper.

The fact remains that on March 1, her Majesty's Government's representative voted in the Security

Council for a resolution which made no reference to the Egyptian Israeli Treaty; to the present talks on autonomy for the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaze; to the seed of direct negotiations between the parties concerned. The resolu-tion, further contains an unqualified demand to the Government and people of Israel to dismands the existing settlements. It mentions Jerusalem as "occupied Arab ter-ritory". This one-sided Security Council motion doesn't require anything from the rejectionists' front or the Palestine Liberarion Organization, whose Covenant clearly implies the elimination of Israelmember of the United Nations.

Your editorial quotes Mr Douglas Hard, Minister of State at the For-eign Office, as saying that "no one should doubt that the PLO will have to be involved in the peace process. But you don't mention whether he said anything about the conditions which the British Government put to Mr Arafat in view of his terrorist record and close co-operation with the Soviet Union in military and political matters.

The present semantics—used by BEC countries about "self-determinerion " and the need to " supplement the unanimously adopted British-sponsored Resolution 242, accepted by Egypt, Israel, Syria and Jordan—hide their supposed interests and intentions.

While all historical parallels must while all historical parallels must be qualified, the present attitude towards Israel on behalf of Europe—the graveyard of millions of Jews—the British-French blundering policy—in the late thirties—about "self-determination" for the Sudeten-Deutsche which led to the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia—a small democratic syste—and to the small democratic state—and to the world catastrophe which followed. Yours faithfully,

S. I. LEVENBERG. Jewish Agency for Israel, Rex House, 4/12 Regent Street, SW1. March 11.

Hand to hand

From Sir Hugh Smile**y** Sir, In 1926 General Sir George Higginson, who was Adjutant of the 3rd Bantalion Grenadier Guards dur-ing the Crimean War, and who is the mounted figure in Lady Butler's painting. The Roll Call, celebrated his hundredth birthday with a party

at his house at Marlow, to which he invited a number of officers from the 2nd Battalion. There were no volunteers from the more senior officers, so the

ensigns, myself among them, were ordered to attend. In 1829, as a child of three, on a walk in Windsor Park, Higginson was patted on the bead by King George IV, who was born in 1762. I have the honour to be, Sir,

your obedient servant, HUGH SMILEY. īvalis... Bentworth, Alton.

From Mr F. Uhlman

Humpshire.

Sir, In 1940 a German refugee told me that he hoped for quick naturalization as his futher had fought against Napoleon in battle of Waterloo When

expressed doubts and said that it must have been his grandfather he pointed out that his father had been a drummer boy aged 15 at the battle, kad been married for a second time in 1867 and that he. his son, was only 73 years old. Yours truly. FRED UHLMAN. 47 Downshire Hill, NW3.

Young riders

Streatley House,

Streatley,

Berkshire.

March 15.

From Mr Geoffrey Howard Minter Sir. The way to reduce the accident rate for learner motor cyclists (report, March 12) is to reduce their number. The best way to reduce their number is not to allow them licences to ride motor cycles at an earlier are than to drive motor cars.
It is largely pride in attaining the adult status of a driver and the desire to become mobile that encourages the 16-year-olds to ride motor cycles, not the love of motor cycles per se. Yours faithfully.

GEOFFREY HOWARD MINTER.

Future of the fishing industry

From Sir Andrew Gilchrist Sir, May I comment on the Govern-ment's decision to provide the sum of £3m for the benefit of the British Present policies are certainly not achieving security nationally or internationally. At the best of times, fishing industry?

The days when the said industry was powerful enough to drive the Government of the day into a futile and un-winnable cod war with Iceland are over. In granting the present pairty sun, the Government "side" can win. Lord Mountbatten makes it quite clear that in the future war we will all lose.

Common sense requires that we must have had regard to the dimini-shed political clout of the industry. It should rather have considered the needs of the situation from a Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 29 Great James Street, WC1. March 18. national standpoint.

The plan for sending fishermen The plan for sending fishermen off on cruises to the Atlantic to look for new fish and new grounds is unnecessary. The resource has been proved, and by government agencies. The question now is one of exploitation. We cannot hope to induce the fishermen to make the necessary switch to new grounds and new species, and to take as individuals the indubitable risks involved, if all we can offer is exhortation and £3m. I write in the firm conviction that

I write in the firm conviction that to allow the British fishing industry wrong to suggest the abandonment of propaganda, before a relationship of trust has been created. to sink, to accept an increasing or even total dependence on foreign vessels for our fish consumption, is a disastrous policy. What are we going to export to pay for the fish? Motor cars? Steel? Perhaps it would be best to begin with one simple proposal, namely: that a nuclear war would result in the extermination of human life in Russia, Europe (east and west) and North America—and possibly the extinction of life on earth.

I would beg the British government to open talks with the USA and all Nato powers to persuade them all to approach the Soviet Usica with the confidence of the confidenc

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No doubt someone will say : " Do No donor someone will say:

Do let us wait until we get a new
Common Market regime—then our
ships will be able to sail out into
the North Sea from Hull and
Grimsby as in the old days." No:
this is not merely a policy of delay,
it is a policy of deceit. The ships we
have a recommend the men conhave are rusting, and the men too.

The exploitation of the new and identified resource is a national interest and requires a national effort. May I suggest a comparison with the position of the British National Oil Comparation in respect of North Sea oil? Direct imitation is not the way; what is wanted is a proportionate effort and commitment in the initial organisation, guidance and financing of a largescale operation designed to reestab-lish on a profitable basis an essential section of the economy—and of the national way of life.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW GILCHRIST, Arthur's Crag, Hazelbank, Ev Lanerk. March 15.

Moment of impact

peril of nuclear warfare. First, my understanding of war is From Mr J. H. Huizings Sir. Must we once again silently affer the misery inflicted by strikes deliberately timed—like the one planned for the Easter weekend by the air traffic controllers—so as to spoil our holidays? Can it really be maintained that, without such timing the right to withhold one? that a man or nation fights when death, or even suicide, is preferable to a certain afternative of slavery Secondly, whilst not belittling the gallant passive resistance of occupied Norway, the Germans left Norway because the Allies were victorious in the field.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. ANETS timing, the right to withhold one's labour, rightly held sacred, cannot be effectively exercised? Does ruining people's holidays really add all that much to the strikers' harpaining strength? And even if it does, is the advantage so gained by the few not out of all proportion to the price exacted from the many?

One would have thought that.' Easter was hardly the time for such a display of ruthless egoism. And one would hope that so brave a lady, as Mrs Thatcher would not shrink-from trying to devise ways and means of projecting us against it. Yours faithfully, J. H. HUIZINGA,

8 Lennox Gardens Mews, 5W1. March 13.

Closed doors

From Mrs S. Alexander

Sir, The Church of the Ascension, on the borders of Lewisham and Greenwich, a fine 18th century edifice, keeps its door open twenty-four hours a day and there is always a light burning in the chancel. The bevelled panels of the door have been removed and heavy slass substituted, so that the light is always visible. The church is used by a few men sleening rought some of them regular customers.

One man "lived" in the church for nearly seven years and was adopted by the congregation and finally installed in a council flat. Occasionally one of them zoes across the street for a cup of coffee from the vicar. Canon Paul Oestreicher or his wife. There has been very little vandalism, almost no fouling and only some occasional cleaning up. The congregation and the vicar are united in ferling that God's house should never be closed to anyone, and it has worked. Yours sincerely.
STELLA ALEXANDER,
10a Shooters Hill Road,
Flackheath, SE3.

Irish voting right From Mr R. A. Meredith

March 14.

Sir, Your report (March 17) that Mr Edward Gardner, QC. MP, for South Fylde, thinks it an "anomaly" that Irish people have a right to vote here moves me to wonder angrily whether he also thinks it an "anomaly" that many Irish citizens have and still do serve in our Armed Forces and some have even had the temerity to lose their lives in that service. Yours faithfully. RALPH A. MEREDITH, 3 Sudeley Street, N1.

Vicious circle? From Mr G. D. R. Davies

Sir, I am worried by David Wood's reference, in his article about the European Parliament (March 17), to something called a "hemicycle". By analogy with bicycle and unicycle. I suppose a hemicycle to be velocipede with half a wheel. One hears rumours that the European Parliament is a shade out of touch with practicalities, but I had no idea they were pursuing such a chimaera as this. Are they also reviving the well-known project for extracting moonbeams from cucumbers?

Yours faithfully. G. D. R. DAVIES, 26 Orchard Rise, Groombridge. Tunbridge Wells. March 17.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 18: The Queen beld an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.
Captain Chandrababadur and Captain Yambahadur Khan (The Queen's Gurkha Orderly Officers) had the bonour of being received by Her Majesty when The Queen invested them with the Insignia of Members of the Royal Insignia of Members of the Royal Victorian Order (Fifth Class). The Lord Soames (Governor of Southern Rhodesia) had an audience of The Queen this

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this

evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Salford Railway Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenaut for Greater Man-chester (Sir William Downward). His Royal Highness, as Chancellor, visited the University of Salford and, having been received by the Pro-Chancellor (Mr T. Lunt) and the Vice-Chancelor (Professor J. H. Horlock), attended the Annual Court

Meeting.
The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Moss Side The Rev Sir Herbert Andrew, 70; Lord Baker, 79; Lord Glenkinglas, 67; Sir Hildreth GlynJones, 85; Miss Elizabeth Macouchy, 73; Sir Peter Masefield, 66; Mr Kenneth Robinson, 69; Sir Leonard Scopes, 68; Mr Norman Yardley, 65. People's Centre.

Afterwards His Royal Highness toured the factories of Weather-seal Windows Ltd (Chairman, Mr J. Smith).
The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, this evening attended a Reception for Variety

Duke will attend Coburg seminar on Victorian age

The Duke of Gloucester will represent the Duke of Edinburgh at a two-day seminar in May to be held in Coburg on "Prince Albert and the Victorian Age" at which speakers will include Lord Briggs, Lord Blake. Sir Robin Mackworth-Young, Professor Jacques Willequet and Professor Kurt Kluxen.

The seminar will meet in the magnificent Riesensaal of the Ebranburg, the former ducal prince in Coburg and the Duke Ehranburg, the former ducal palace in Coburg, and the Duke will plant two trees in memory of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort in the park of Rosenau castle, Prince Albert's birthplace. While the short-term aim of the seminar is to establish the import-

seminar is to establish the importance of Prince Albert in the Victorian cra, the long-term objects are to endow a Prince Albert bursary, to foster Angio-German research on the Prince Consort and his times, as well as to found an Institute for Victorian Studies in Coburs

Rosenau castle has remained sadly neglected for years, having previously served as an old people's home. But the Bavarian people's nome, but the bayarian sume has agreed to rustore it to its former state of modest ducal Gemütlichkeit which so endeared itself to Albert, who on his deathbed imagined he heard the birds singing in the park, as in his childhood,

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Balfour was christened Consuelo Lily by Cardinal Eume Archbishop of Westminster in Westminster and Carledral on Tuesday, March 18. The godparents are King Juan Carlos of Spain (for whom Archbishid Bereus stood proxy), the Marquess of Hartington, Mrs Rupert Hambro and Mrs Terrius Murray Threnland.

St Paul's Girls' School

The following awards were announced to take effect from September. 1980.
First year awards: Katle Driver (Kensington High Schoot Junior School), Naomi Esri (St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School), Rachel Foord (Kensington High School Junior School), Annabel Warburg (Norland Place School), Catherine Wolfe (Kensington High School Junior School).
First year music award: Flona D'Souza (Our Lady of Grace Junior School), NW2), Honorary first year music award:

Honorary first year music award: Elizabeth Rowe (St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School and Beacon House School).

Abbey tribute to George Ellot

A memorial to George Eliot is to be unveiled in Westminster Abbey on June 21 by her biographer, Dr Gordon S. Haight, Professor Emeritus of English Literature at Yale University, Admirers all over the world responded to the appeal the world responded to the appeal for funds for a memorial stone, made by the George Eliot Fellow-ship in this, the centenary year of her death.

Tickets for the event may be

obtained from Mrs K. M. Adams, Secretary of the Fellowship, 71, Stepping Stones Road, Coventry, CV3 8JT, who would appreciate a stamped, addressed envelope,

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3; attends fashion show and dinner, Rainbow Room, Derry Street, 8.30.
Exhibitions: Sarah, Duchess of Mariborough, British Library Galleries, Great Russell Street, 10-5; The Vikings, Bridsh Museum, 10-3; Horia Bernia, Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, 11-11; Alan Hughes and Ian Welsh, Concourse gallery, 35 Marylebone Road, 8.30-8.30.
Lectures: Putting the paper to bed, Mr W. Moth, Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster, 1-45; The saga stres of Keland, Magnus Magnusson, Royal Scottish Museum lacture theatre, Lothion Street, Edinburgh, 7.30; A world conservation strategy, Paris March 1988, 2014. 3: attends fashion show and Today's engagements The Queen visita London House for Overseas Graduates on its golden jubilee, Mecklenburgh Square, 3. Square, 3.

The Dube of Edinburgh visits
RAF Linton-on-Ouse, 10.20;
later, as president of the Maritime Trust, visits HMS Warrior,
Hartlepool, 2.30.

The Prince of Wales visits deriv rade federation creamery, North Tawton, Devon, 10: later, visits Hinkley Point B nuclear power station, near Bridgwater, Somer-tor 12: 45 Princess Anne, patron of the Riding for the Disabled Associa-Rining for the Disabled Associa-tion, attends buffet luncheon to receive silver jubiles saddle from the Saddlers' Company, Saddlers Hall, Gutter Lane, 1; as president of the Save the Children Fund, meets the drivers of the Stop Polin Expedition, Jebb House, 137 Clapham Road.

A world conservation strategy, Dr Lee M. Talbot, Royal College of Art, John Adam Street. 2.30: Art and culture in Europe: The gentleman of the Grand Tour, Elizabeth Murdoch, V and A Museum, 1.15.

falks: fron age Europe: potters and bronzesmiths, David Williams, 11.30; Japan in the Edoperiod, Victor Harris, 1.15, British Museum; A time and a place: Canterbury 1390, Kenneth Whitehorn, National Gallery, 1; Renewable energy resources. Dr Geoffrey Long, and Future fuels and feedstock for industry, Dr Barbara Haines, North London Polyrechnic, Holloway, 6.30.

Talks: Iron age Europe: potters

North London Polyrechnic, Holloway, 6.30.

Walks: Crime and punishment:
Sinister London, meet St Paul's
Underground, 7.30; Haunted
ghost trail in the dark, meet
Savoy Rotel, 7.30.
Lunchtime music: Martin Robinson, cello, St Olave, 1.05;
Organ recital, Timothy Collins,
St Bride's, 1.15; Juliet Cheplin,
plano, St Martin-within-Ludgate,
1.15.
Memorial service: Sir Patrick Memorial service: Sir Petrick Hancock, Crypt chapel, St Paul's cathedral, 1000n.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, March 19, 1955 Televising the Derby

This year's Derby will not be televised and no move will be made to televise the Derby in 1955 unless in the meantime the Copyright and Television Exhibiting Right Bill becomes law. This was announced yesterday by Mr L. E. Van Moppes, chalman of the Epsom Grand Stand Association Epsom Grand Stand Association's annual meeting in London. Mr Van Moppes said that the board were naturally under pressure from the BBC to give them the facilities which they are so anxious to obtain but the fee the BBC had offered "is very far removed

facilities but negotiations have been entered into this year. An offer by the BBC of a fee in the region of \$1.500 has been men-

tioned unofficially,

Forthcomeng marriages

Club Supporters of His Royal Highness's Award Scheme at the Piccadilly Hotel. Manchester.

The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Amusel Dinner of the Manchester Branch of the Bridsh Institute of Mamgement (President, Mr J. D. Paybody) at Manchester Town Hall and was received upon arrival by the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Councillor G. Fitzsimons).

Wing Commander Antony

Wing Commander Am Nicholson was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE

KENSINGTON PALACE

Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) and XVth/XIXth The King's Roval Hussars. of which Regiments Her Royal Highness is Colonel-in-Chief.

in Germany.

The Hou Mrs Wills and Malor
The Lord Napier and Ettrick were

in attendance.
YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 18: The Duke and Duchess
of Kent this evening attended a
concert in aid of Birthright in the
Nuffield Hall, London, NW1,
Lieumnant-Commander Richard
Buckley, RN, and Miss Carola
Godman Irvine were in attendance.

The Rev Sir Herbert Andrew,

Mattiages
Mr P. Naylor Leyland
and Lady Isabella Lambton
The marriage took place yesterday
in Durham cathedral between Mr
Philip Naylor Leyland, son of
Sir Vivyan Naylor Leyland and
of the Hon Mrs Hastings, and
Lady Isabella Lambton, daugiter
of Lord and Lady Lambton. The
Dean of Durham officiated assisted
by Canon W. W. Tymms.

The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, wore a
gown of white slipper sain and a
silk mile vell held in place by a
garland of white roses and she

Man.
A reception was held at Durham castle and the honeymoon will be

The marriage took place is London on March 14, 1980, of Mr Michael Franks and Mrs Nicola Stewart

and hiss 5, or nurer.
The marriage took place on March
15, 1980, in the Chapet of Magdatene College, Cambridge, of Mr Rhoderick Voremberg and Miss

Birthdays today

Marriages

spent abroad.

and Mrs N. S. Heath

Mr R. P. G. Voremberg and Aliss S. M. Burget

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr netween mark, younger son or mar and Mrs Bernard Kemp-Gee, of 16 Airlie Gardens, London, W8, and Lucy, twin daughter of the late Viscount Cobbam, KG, and Elizabeth, Viscountess Cobbam of 8 Marine Parade, Budleigh Salterton. Devon-

Mr P. B. Askew and Missi L. J. Henderson

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 18: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother this afternoon
received the Presidents of Queen
Mary's London Needlework Guild
at St James's Palace on the occasion of the Guild's Annual
General Meeting.
Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston
was in attendance. The engagement is announced between Paul Benedict, son of the Rev Canon and Mrs Askew, of Sallsbury, Wills, and Lucy Jess, daughter of Sir Peter and Lady Henderson, of London SW7. KENSINGTON PALACE
March 18: The Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon left Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's
Fight to visit The Royal Highland
Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own

and Miss N. J. C. Francis
The engagement is announced
between David Alexander, pranger
son of Mr James R. Lubbock and
the late Mrs Patricia Lubbock of The White Cottinge, Farley Green, Surrey, and Nicola Jane Caroline, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Francis, of Ashfield House, Midhurst, West Sussess.

Mr J. J. Espir and Miss J. L. Hart and Miss J. L. Hart
The engagement is announced
between James, elder son of Dr
and Mrs Michael Espir, of Fairway, Weymouth Walk. Stanmore.
Middlesex, and Joanne, second
daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry
Hart, of 9 Moncorvo Close,
Knightsbridge, SW7.

Mr M. E. Green and Miss S. F. Prunter

The engagement is armounced between Martyn Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. S. Green, of Newport, Gwent, and Susan Fran-ces, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. Prunier, of Uphill, Weston-super-Mare. Mr C. R. Harris

Miss S. M. Jarvis The engagement is arnounced between Charles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E. Rhodri Harris, of Murton. Swanses, and Suz. only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. Jarvis, of Londwater, Hertfordships fordshire.

Mr A. Legge and Miss C. E. Anderson Tyrer and Miss C. S. Absersor Tyrer
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of
Mr H. J. G. Legge, of London,
NW6, and of Mrs J. Legge, of
London, W11, and Christine
Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and
Mrs A. Anderson Tyrer, of Well
House, Horney Common, Uckfield, Sussex.

garland of white roses and she carried a single rose. Adam Kegwick, Viscount Lumley, Ned Naylor Leyland, Claud Musker, Cleone Naylor Leyland, Houry and Rose, Bowdry, Flore Davidson and Natalie Campbell attended ber. The Hon Gerard Noel was best Mr D. J. W. Ridler and Miss S. de Jager and Miss S. de Jager
The engagement is announced between David John Whitaker,
younger son of the late Mr. A. W.
Ridler and Mrs Ridler, of Chelsca, London, and Shirley, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs S. de
Jager, Box 2820, Johannesburg.

The engagement is aunounced between Thomas, son of the late Wiog Commander E. M. Sopwith and of Mrs Sopwith, of Lythan, Lancashire, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Judge and Mrs Robert Chope, of Carclew House, Truro, Cornwall.



214-year-old piano: The earliest known English piano, made by Johannes Zumpe in 1766, is for sale at Sothebys in London on March 20. It is one of 11 keyboard instruments from the Broadwood collection.

from what we know to be the true value. We have our ideas of true value.", be said, "not on hypothetical figures but on information which is it our possession relating to the numbers of those people living in the United States who regularly time their sets to televised racing." It was probable, Mr Van Moppes continued, that a higher percentage of the television higher percentage of the television receivers in Britain would be tuned to racing events than in the United States. The Derby was televised before 1939 but has not been televised since the war. It is understood time that were the REC. understood that last year the BBC did not approach the Derby organi-zers on the subject of television



The new Bishop of Jarrow (left) the Right Rev Michael Thomas Ball with his twin brother the Bishop of Lewes, the Right Rev Peter Ball The new bishop became a priest in 1971.

Market for watercolours by Orientalist J F Lewis losing its early gloss The other important unsold for was Richard Dadd's "Polyphemus, or £42,300: discovered asteep by the shetp-herds" bought in at £6.500 (estimate £4,000-£6,000), an example of a rather over-ancitious reserve not being met. The extraordinary, and highly successful, feature of Christie's \$20,000-300,000 francs or £35,000, \$20,000-300,000 francs or £35,000 \$20,000 francs or £35,000 \$20,00

successful, feature of Christie's two-session watercolour sale was the Haldinguid collection. This

comprised 97 lots, all of which sold, and totalled £143,350. The watercolours were bought for Mrs George Haldimand between 1826 and 1828 by George Fennel Robson; she had askend for "a representative album of drawings by the best watercolour painters of the day."

day ".

The "day." included Turner, whose small "O yester beds at Whitstable." sold for 524,000 (estimate £10,000-£15,000). Richard Parkes Bodington whose "Grandpapa" made £10,500 (estimate £4,000-£5,000) and John Constable whose "Beston Bridge, Salisbury" made £9,000 (£4,000-£6,000). In 1830 Constable commented "Were it not for ladies" (albums I keraw mot what we poor landscape painters would do". The two auctions totalled £320,105 with 28 per cent upsold.

Ader et Picard in Paris launched

Ader et Picard in Paris launched their important sales at the Palais d'Orsay yesterday with an auction of drawings and watercoloure. Prices ran much in line with expectations.

or £75,000. A pair of still lifes by Willem-Claesz Heda, one with a plate of oysters and the other with

The market in the Oriental water-colours of the gifted nineteenth-century artist John Frederick Lewis appears to have collapsed, to judge by Christie's auction yesterday. A colourful scene of an old man reading aloud in a courtyard, titled "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick " was bought in at £35,000 having been expected to reach sciwcen £40:000 and £50,000.

"A view of the street and mosque of Ghoorcyah, Cairo " by the same artist was unsold at £8,500 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and "The caravan: an Arab cumapment at Edfou " was uncold at £13,000 (estimate £20,000-£30,000).

Tison (estimate 120,000-130,000).

Within a week of each other last autumn two Lewis water-colours were sold for \$45,000 and \$75,000. Lewis, a brilliantly conprolled draughtsman, has been one of the most highly-rated mineteenth-century limners of the Middle East scene for several years, and such "Orientalist" pictures have been mainly, though accretically in strong demand. years, and such "Orientalist" pictures have been mainly, though erratically, in strong demand ever since the oil crisis of 1973. It is unclear whether the high prices reflected the interest of oil-rich Middle Eastern bayers or the expectation that they would show such an interest. One big American collector, at least, has

American collector, at least, has been buying.
While there were no takers at last autumn's price levels for the major Lewis watercolours, more sketchy items from his hand found buyers. The Flue Art Society paid £2,400 (estimate £3,000-£4,000) for his "Bedouins. Mount Sinai " and A. Reed paid the same price for "Ploughing at Kom-Ombo" (estimate £2,000-£3,000).

Latest appointments

Professor H. B. Whittington, FRS, Woodwardian Professor and Head of the Department of Geology, of

Cambridge University to be a trustee of the British Museum (Natural History), succeeding Dr A. Williams, FRS. Mr David Stephen to be Deputy Director of the minority Rights

Group.

Dr Aisn K. Russell to be director of the Inter-University Council for Education Overseas, succeeding Mr R. C. Griffiths, who

Sir Charles John Curran, of Finchiey, north London, Director-General of the BBC 1969-77, left £161,631 net.

El61,631 net.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid, tax not disclosed):
Olliver, Mr Ian Brettell, of Barnt Green, Worcestershire ... £430,998
De la Pasture, Mr. Gerard Roger Malherbe, of Stelling Minnis, Kent

Memorial services 🕟

The Hon M. L. Astor A memorial service for the Hon Michael Langhorne Astor was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev William Baddeley offi-

ciated, Mr James Astor (600) read the lesson and Sir Martyn Beckett gave an address. Among those

present were:.

Syn. Lore and Levy Lloyd, Lard and boltene Lord and Levy Lloyd, Lard Alexandra Lyd Flizabeth Crode. Lady Alexandra Mochales, Lady Parce Vorke, Lady Seling Hestings, Lady Parce Vorke, Lady Seling Hestings, Lady Parce Lady Anne Tomanni, Lady Parcedish, Lady Anne Lady Hestings, Lady Parcedish, Lady Anneld Lindsay the Parcel Lady Anneld Lindsay the Parcel Lady Anneld Lindsay the Parcel Lady Anneld Lindsay the Hom May Strab Barring, the Hom Micholas and Mrs. Rotherland, The Hom Micholas and Mrs. Strabello. Millers, Str. Elevy Marchan, Str. Carles Lady Ready Marchan, Mrs. Strabello. Millers, Str. Elevy Marchan, Str. Carles Lady Ready Mrs. Schools, Mrs. Rotherland, Mrs. Millers, Str. Carles Lady Rough Parcel Lady

etires on March 31,

Latest wills

Luncheons

Law Society,
The President of the Law Society,
Mr John Stebbings, was host at a
luncheon held at 60 Carey Street,
yesterday. The guests were:
The Garl of Egilnian and winson,
Lord Justice Tompitman, the Lord
havor of westindator. Ser Rilley,
Scott, Mr J. D. Charle, Mr M. A. G.
Sachs and Mr J. L. Bowran (Recreating-separal).

Royal College of Surgeons of . Sir Reginald Murley, President of Scientific Instrument Makers England, yesterday entertained at functions at: the college Sir Richard Pease, Mr Nigel Mobbs, Mr Denis Roberts and Professor J. B. Kinmonth.

Dinners .

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association of Britain Sir Jan Gilmour, MP, and Mr Bruce Page were guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers' Association of Britain held last

Sir Edwin Chapman-Andrews
The Queen was represented by Lord Mowbray and Stourton at a memorial service for Sir Edwin Chapman-Andrews held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Donald Maitland. Canon L. John Collins officiated, assisted by the Rev Richard Fenwick. General Sir Charles Richard-son gave th address. Among those present were:
Lady Chapman-Andrews whose When Chapman-Andrews and Mrs Bowle Chapman-Andrews and Mrs Bowle Chapman-Andrews and Mrs Bowle Chapman-Andrews and Mrs Martin Chapman-Andrews. Mr and Mrs Wilfird Chapman-Andrews. Mr Martin Chapman-Andrews. Milling Chapman-Smith. Mrs. Malting Wenders Chapman-Andrews. Milling Chapman-Smith. Mrs. Malting Wenders Chapman-Smith. Mrs. Malting Wenders Milling Mrs. Malting Chapman-Smith. Mrs. Malting Chapman-Andrews. Milling Mrs. Malting and Mills Mrs. Kahorine Airtige Constitutes the Milling Mrs. Malting Chapman-Milling Chapman Prince Zere-Yacob of Ethiopsa (also reprosenting the Crown Prince and

Sir Lance Mallalien, OC.

Sir Lance Mallalieu, QC.

The Prime Minister was represented by Mr Ian Gow, MP, and the Speaker of the House of Commons gave an address at a memorial service for Sir Lance Mallalieu, QC, held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westmuster. Canon John Baker officiated. Mr R. I. Mallalieu (brother) and Mr Huon Mallalieu (son) read the lessons. Others present included: Others present included:
Mrs Shune Astro (daughter),
Mrs Ronald, Joseph (son-in-daughter), David and Chest

At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale of fine Victorian pulmings and drawings saw high prices for the more distinguished works ou offer, but a notable lack of lakerest in middle range items, which explains the 20 per cent unsold percentage of the £420,500 total. The top price was £10,000 (estimate £7,000-£14,000) for a view of Venice by Edward William Cooke, so attractive paiming. en attractive painting Sotheby's sale of Chinese snuff

At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale one Victorian paintings and

Someby's sale of Chinese anary bottles scored two exceptionally high prices for Peking enamel bordes, made is the palace work-rops in the Qiankong period. Five years ago this type of bottle was not greatly sought after and might have brought 2500 at auction.

Yesterday, Mr. E. Cameron, a private collector, paid £10,500 (estimate £3,000-£5,000) for one decorated with a scene of shepherd and shapherdass in famille rose enamels and £4,000 (estimate £1,500-£2,500) for a damaged example, paioted with flowers and landscape; The sale of south bottles made £46,544, with 7 per cout unsold. per cant unsold. Someby's sale of Chinese export porcelain totalled £158,965 with 8

expectations.

A pair of charming Oudry paintings of dogs playing in a landscape made 710,000 francs (estimate 400,000-500,000 francs), per cent unsold.

At Phillips a sale of clocks and watches totalled \$55,650, with B per cent unsold. A George Graham ebony striking bracket clock made £11,000 (estimate £5,000-£7,000). a mouth-watering herring studded with jumper berries, made 400,000

night at Marlborough House. Mr Andrew Walker, president of the association, was in the chair. Other guests lactuded: Other guests lacluded:
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Company
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Company held a livery dinner last
night at Scientific Instrument
Makers' Hell. The guests were
Welcomed by the Master, Mr J. R.
McNaily, and the Wardens, Mr
R. H. Davies and Mr S. S.
Carlisle. The principal guest was
Dr G. F. Gainsborough. Secretary of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Other gness;
included the Master Other gness;
included the Master of the Master
Mariners' Company and the Commander, M division of the Metropolitan Police.

(grandchildren). Mrs R. L. Mallahes (sister-in-law), Mrs Ben Mallahes, Mrs Nargaret Mock, Mrs Ponst-Obrech. Lord Murton of Lindisfarme. Mr Edward Elshop, Lady (Dingle) Foot, Sir John and Lady Tilney, Sir Noel Short, Sir Gibert, Longden. St. John Compton Miller. Sir Paul Camond (Caurch Commonweath Parliamentary Association), Sir ian and Lady Maclenan, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Colonel Peter Thome (Serjeant at Arms. House of Commond, Mr Stan Walsh, QC. Dr Edmund Marshall, MP, Miss Enid Lakoman (Electoral Reform Society), with Major Frank Briton, Mr P. R. Davis, (Chalman Chambe, Mr P. R. Davis, (Chalman Chambe, Mr P. R. Davis, (Chalman Chambe, Mr R. D. Hingaray (Secretary) and Mr A. R. Tilcharer (Progeners) and Mr A. R. Tilcharer (Progeners)

Mr R. Blackwell Mr R. Blackwell
A memorial service for Mr Richard
Blackwell was held at the University Church of St Mary the
Virgin, Oxford, on Samrday. The
Rev Peter Cornwell officiated,
assisted by the Rev A. K. Mathews,
the Rev G. Knight and the Rev
K. J. Triplow. Sir John Brown
read the lesson and Mr Henry
Schollick gave an address. Among
those present were:

PROFESSOR ERICH FRO Eminent psychoanalyst Professor Erich Fromm the loneliness and learn psychoanalyst and social philo solutions to his profit solutions to his predic

sopher died yesterday at his the shelter of political home near locarno in Switzer mes. Fromm's was a sultand where he had lived quietly in the latter years of his life. aspect of freedom a sultand when the say mode in which he say mode as a light state of the say mode.

Fromm grew to in an intellectual climate in which Freud's jowerlessness and growerlessness and growerlessnes plied Freud's ideas to societies piled Freud's ideas to societies rather than individuals. Fromming with considerable percentifu on the psychological background of Natism and Fascism but he ruined later to a running diagnosis of the maladies of Western society in psychological terms. A critic of the capitalist ethic, he also collected a series of essays on Socialist Humanism by a number of Eastern Euro-pean Marxist writers.

OBITUARY

Erich Fromm was born in Frankfurt on March 23, 1900. He attended the university of He attended the university of Heidelberg, taking his PhD and later went to the university of Munich where he was trained in psychoanelysis, and the university of Berlin. In 1929 he returned to Frankfurt where he lectured on social psychology from 1929.

In 1933 he had visited America as a visiting professor and when Hitler came to power he emigrated to the United States erriving there in 1934. From that point downrds he was associated with a succession of leading American universities; he taught at the International Institute of Social Research in New York; he lectured at Columbia University and Bennington College; he was a professor at the National University of Mexico from 1951; he held a chair in associcy of Michigan Single University from 1957 to 1961 and was, from 1962 a professor at New York University.

Promm published over twenty books many of which gained wide currency as ex-amples of the application of psychoanalytical thinking to social and cultural problems. Escape from Freedom (1941), published in Britain as The Fear of Freedom (1941), examined the plight of men in the post existentialist world; ic saw man as cut on trom the homely security of the medieval paradise, driven

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subjects.
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PROFESSOR PERCIVAL GURRE

who died on March 7 at the in the new, small in age of 90, was one of the Education, particular people who ploneered the trans what was to become the content of the London Institute of Education from tute of Education from its ping Countries. In 19: beginnings as the London Day, become head of the nebeginnings as the London Day.
Training College for Secondary
Teachers into the large and
influential School of the University it has now become. His direct contribution was in the closely with the Britis field of language teaching, in its programme of though his indirect influence was far wider.

Born in 1890, he served with distinction in two world wars, taught English in grammar at his English grac schools before and after the first World War, and in 1926

Went to the Lordon Day Training to become Principles. the London Day Train ing College to develop the training of teachers of English in secondary schools. He wrote as well as taught, and Our Living Language and Grammar. at Work (with J. H. Grattan) broke into English teaching like a fresh wind; they were non-prescriptive, based on collect-ing and studying English as it is actually used and expected school children to do this. The fresh wind blew on poetry teaching too. Children would enjoy it if they read it aloud hence his three books on poetry spesking by Storbe.

In these formative years between the wars his influence

ment for the tenand Advisor students, and cities. He saw the ir English in the new (of the Gold Coast (, to set up an English Government's scheme search into the teach learning of English th the country. After his retirement he continued to te write. His books spa experinece—The Tea Written English, English Grammar, English as a Foreign I and Education and the

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MR P. M. HUBBARD

Mr P. M. Hubbard, who died 1910, the son of W. O. on March 17, was a most and Millicent Amy Gr imaginative and distinguished family moved to Guer on March 17, was a most and Muncent Amy of imaginative and distinguished family moved to Guer practitioner of a kind of cause of his father's ill fiction aprly described by one of his American publishers as Elizabeth College there.

novels of suspense".

His first, Flush As May, was published less than twenty years ago when he was already 53. But it had the assurance and individuality of style and tone that marked all its successors and gave his books a very special place in the affections of their admirers. The scene is typically set in open country, in Britain except in his Indian story The Country of Again, and on the sea, or at any rate near water. A solitary hero, often with a dubious past, finds himwith a duotous past, range num-self in circumstances that are indefinitely, but unequivocally, menacing. The most ordinary features of our everyday surreatures of our everyday surroundings are endowed with a powerfully disquieting character by prose of the utmost purity, simplicity and elegant purity, simplicity and elegance, the outcome of Hubbard's the outcome of Hubbard's poetic sensibility and classical Philip Hubbard was born in south-west Scotland in

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LIEUT-COL R. R. M. PERCEVAL

Lieutenant-Colonel R. R. M. Perceval, OBE, MC, son of the late Major-General Sir Edward Maxwell Perceval, Royal Artillery, who has died aged 85, had a distinguished record ss, and a distinguished record in both world wars. As a regular in the Royal Artillery in the First World War he fought in France and won the Military Cross in January 1917, a Bar in September 1917 and a further Bar in September 1918. Retiring from the Regular Army in 1929 he founded and ran a men's club in the East End

In 1938 he was recalled from the RARO, posted to the War Office and with the late Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer compiled lists of potential rectuits for the revived Intelligence Corps. Between them they laid the foundations of the

From 1939 to 1945 GSO I appointments, I AG 14, in the War Off was appointed OBE in 1 was the founder and cl of the MI Directorate (1 Dining Club whose reunions are still held Army and Navy Ci To those who worked

his direction during th and have subsequently regular contact throug Dining Club he was a and meticulously e officer who commanded and affection. The enth Chairman of the Diner markable for a man of hi and his courtesy and won him many admirers. He is survived by his Dorothy.

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attack on inflation to support value of yen From Koji Nakamura

Tokyo, March 18

Japan is expected to an-

unce a seven-point antinounce a seven-point anti-inflation package comorrow to bolster the yen on foreign exchange markets. At the same-lime the Bank of Japan will traise its discount rate by 11 points to 9 per cent. These latest measures to help the yen and counter rising inflationary pressures are likely to include curbs on prices and public

spending.

The fiscal package will back up monetary tightening announced yesterday. As well as the widely-expected rise in the discount rate, the Bank of Japan has raised the reserve requirement ratio on commercial banks. This will take an estimated \$2,000m (£909m) out of the banking system.

The discount rate has been raised twice in a month and five times in the past year. It

five times in the past year. It is now as high as it was in the inflationary aftermath of the 1973 till crisis.

The Japanese moves are clearly designed to offset the effect of President Carter's anti-inflation measures on the yen. Although the yen has remained fairly steady over the past 10 days, this has been at the cost of huge Japanese intervention in the world's corrency merkets. New measures are expected to include cuts in public works programmes, moves to stop un. \$11,300m deficit for the whole necessary price rises following of fiscal 1979.
"on from higher gas and electricity prices, emergenty retal transactions for February

side the government have grave doubts. They believe the yen may remain weak for some time. Also, there are doubts time. Also, there are doubts about the impact which the new measures will have directly on inflation.

Wholesale prices have so-celerated sharply in the last three months because of higher oil prices, and the rise is bound to lead to higher in coming months. lead to higher retail prices

The yen is being undermined by a growing deficit on the by a growing deficit on the balance of payments, largely as a result of higher oil prices. These have added an estimated \$25,000m a year to Japan's import bill.

Analysts are quick to point to the pessimistic outlook for the balance of payments. According to the advance report on Japan's external payments position for February, which was released on Monday, deficit in the current account between April, 1979, and last month totalled \$12,546m (£5,703m), far above the government estimate of a \$11,300m deficit for the whole

leases of some basic commodi. Left an unprecedented surplies ties to stabilize prices news of \$1,300m, the current account impetus for energy saving and deficit of \$1,240m and a deficit the stabilization of pand prices. of \$300m in short term capital transactions pushed the overall lapan officials say, they are confident that the measures will have a considerable impact on into the red.

It was pointed out that new inflation. But economists out interest rates enforced in the side the poveroment have mayed.

United States last week would blunt the edges of the new Japanese efforts since the differences in interest rates between the two countries are still "substantial". . .

As long as the external pay-ments position remains vulnerable; the analysist said the value of the yen will have to remain basically weak. The bank of Japan will have to continue to intervene in the markets in order to prevent any further depreciation of the

The only bright possibility, they said, is that the price of oil, which accounted for 40 per cent of external payments in February, "may have hit the ceiling" and no sharp rises in external payments are cur-

But they said there was little room for optimism about prices. Wholesale prices in March "most probably will remant as high as in February, if not higher

Analysts have already dismissed the possibility that the government estimate of a 4.7 per cent rise in consumer prices for fiscal 1979 (ending this month) would be kept.

Japan ready for 7-point PO men savage letters delivery plan

wide-ranging A wide-ranging package aimed at improving the effici-

rency of the postal delivery reflected in improved pay for service, is in latters after a postmen. special delegate conference of the Union of Post Office Warkers yesterday rejected crucial section of the pro-gramme Post Office executives will meet today to consider whether there is any point in continuing negotiations with the union.

The package had the backing of the union executive which was clearly embarrassed by the reaction of the 1,000-plus delegates. The conference was closed to the public for a closing speech by Mr Tom Jackson, UPW general secretary, when UPW general secretary, when he laid before the conference the ramifications of its deci-

,Mr Jackson, had argued

the package was necessary for the Post Office to generate higher profits which could be

At the core of the Post Office plan was the introduction of casual workers during the summer holidays to overcome the kind of staff shortages which last year led to the public being asked not to post-any mail for a short period. The corporation also wanted to improve recruitment and simplify the promotion procedures for postmen to become Postmen Higher Grade (PHG) who are mainly sorters.

In return the union was offered a two-hour cut in the working week from next year, bringing the normal week down to 41 hours, improve-ments in pay for PHGs and

working. The conference rejected the

use of casual workers during this summer, but approved the employment of 5,000 school leavers. At the moment there is a ban on anyone under the age of 18 joining the corporation,

The new promotion procedures were rejected as were proposals for new duty rotas and the dropping of restrictions on duties which can becarried out by new entrants. A further proposal that eligible to become acting supervisors was also thrown out.

Many delegates voiced fears the proposals could that threaten their jobs and lead to further inefficiency in the postal service. approved

but substituted a claim for higher rates of pay for night work in place of the corpora-tion's offer on evening allow-

There now appears to be very little left in the package which would benefit the Post Office. and it is difficult to see how it, would be prepared to concede improved pay and shorter hours if the main productivity elements of the proposals have been rejected.

A senior corporation observer... at the conference heard Mr .. Jackson tell delegates: "Unless 'we can hold this year's traffic: at last year's levels, after two, price increases, there will not, be eaough in the kitty to settle our (20 per cent) wages claim and the Government will not " allow the Post Office to go into

Net outflow of £2.1m from unit

By Margaret Stone

Although unit trust gross sales in February at 134.6m were only slightly lower than the £35.5m recorded in January, repurchases were £2.4m higher at £36.8m, leaving a net outflow of funds of £2.1m. The net figures are the second worst in the unit trust industry's history, but Mr Cholmeley Messer, chairmen of the Unit Trust Association, said last might that he was "not greatly surprised" at the out-come. He blamed both adverse press comment and the credit squeeze for the lack of coalidence shown by unit holders.

Net sales figures for March are not expected to be much better. The climate for equity investment remains uncertain and in addition the industry expects that pre-Budget "bed and breakfast" operations will in-flate the level of repurchases.

Maple turns down £8.4m double offer from Waring and Gillow

Waring and Gillow (Hold-ings), the furniture and carpet retail group, has made its long-swaited bid for Maple (Hold-ings), the furniture chain renowned for its Tottenham
Court Road store in London.
The offer, which was immediately rejected by the Maples
board as totally unsatisfactory, is on the basis of 30p cash for every Mapie ordinary share or one Waring and Gillow share plus 252p cash for every 12

Both offers value the group at £8.4m. Waring's share price fell back 10p on the announcement and Maple rose by 2½p to

30 p.
Maples ordinary shareholders will also receive a second interim dividend of 1.07p gross for the year ending February 2 1980 in lieu of any further dividend for the year. This would make a total for the year of 1.42p gross compared with 1p the previous year. Waring and Gillow has stores, would be continued.

offered Maples' preference Maples' largest single shareshareholders 73p cash which
will cost about £192,000.

stores, would be continued.

Maples' largest single shareholder is the M & G Group
with 7.7. per cent, while Waring It was believed yesterday that Waring and Gillow was

buying Maples shares in the market although at the time of the announcement Waring said that it did not control any ordinary or preference shares. Earlier this month Maples announced it had firmly rejected suggestions of an £8.5m bid, also from Waring. consisting of 21p cash and 9p worth of abe bidder's share per share, as it seriously undervalued the company. This was followed by a sharp rise in the Maple share price as specular.

up to 34p at one point. Waring said yesterday that the Maples acquisition would provide a natural extension to its furniture and carpet retailing business and that Maples trading activities, centred on 40

tors moved in pushing the price

with 7.2 per cent, while Waring is 31 per cent controlled by Great Universal Stores.

Waring also produced its interim results yesterday showing that profits fell back from £2.13m to £2.1m in the six months to September 30, 1979. Turnover rose by 10 per cent to \$29.8m and Mr Manny Cussias. the chairman, pointed out that the VAT increase last June had distorted the normal patterns. The furniture division's profits rose from £2.1m to £2.2m while the clothing manufacturing division contributed an £85,000 loss. Three of the clothing factories have now been closed and negotiations are conclosure of a further two. The interim dividend has

been increased from 1.67p to Financial Editor, page 19

Three Miles Island mishap will :

Expenditure on solar energy. will be doubled to shout \$14m

in a programme which includes to technical support for develop-

The loss-of-coolant experi-

ment at Ispra marks the return to Community use of the Essor

reactor which has been leased to the Italian government since

1973. This is a large research reactor which is described as

the Community's single most

be conducted at Ispra.

ing countries.

oil price impact Mr Charles Schultze, Presi- Euro-banking market, the bulk of which are in dollars. We hope it will continue to do so ", he said.

dent Carter's chief economic advisor, and other top officials advisor, and other top officials of the seven main industrial nations are expected to hold a meeting this waekend at Versailles, near Paris, to discuss the medium-term impact of oil prices and supplies on the economies of the world.

Sources said vesterday that the meeting, called at the initiative of Mr Emile Van Lennep, Secretary-General of the Organ-

Seven-nation talks on

Secretary-General of the Organ-ization for Economic Coopera-tion and Development, was to be a "brain-storming seminar."

The officials are expected to is heading for a try to determine the right according to official policy approach to meet the tres for the economy, ding indicators have economies of the continuing rise in oil prices and future

supplies. Soudla dollar investments. The Carter administration is assuming that the Saudi Arabian authorities will increase their oil production capacity, con-tinue to invest in United States dollar assets and to increase business with America, Frank

treasury secretary for inter-pational affairs, pointed out that Saudi Arabia has built up a combined current account payments surplus of over \$80,000m since 1974. It. has chosen to invest around 85 per cent of its funds in the United States and in deposits in the

Group plan

paves way

for robots

J. C. Bamford, the excavator firm at Rocester, Smifordshire, has launched a £13m investment programme with the introduc-

tion of robots to make the work.

easier and quicker.

The robots will be used for spray-painting and the use of more robots for welding is be-

ing investigated as part of a special project mounted in conjunction with the Department of Industry and British Oxygen.

A company spokesman said yesterday These developments will transform working condi-

tions for welders as well as in-

loaders, the company's main

creasing productivity.

The official added that the Saudi government is considering substantial investment to strengthen oil output capacity to 12 million barrels per day. Present Saudi output is 9.5 million barrels, but a higher level is necessary to strengthen Saudi influence in Opec. Mr. Bergsten suggested. Saudi Bergsten suggested.

and Industry, he said the United States had been and continued to be the single largest recipient of Saudi investments, and Mr Fred Bergsten: Saudi so the strength of the dollar, investment welcomed. depended on how the Saudis managed their payments sur-pluses. But he pointed our that the Saudis appreciate the value of their assets depends on a stable and strong dollar.

line the assorted areas of Mr William Miller, the Treas-ury Secretary, will be hosting a meeting of the American-Saudi joint economic commission at the start of April and this body has developed some \$750m of development projects in Saudi



He said Saudi imports of United States goods amounted to around \$4,900m last year, representing more than 20 per cent of total Saudi imports. Saudi Arabia is America's seventh largest trade partner. We want to encourage and expand American Saudi commercial sies," he added. On investment, it appears that

Saudi authorities have assured the Treasury that they will not use their funds to speculate in United States property or seek controlling interests in Ameri-

Challenge on fibres curb fizzles out cheap United States synthetics From Peter Norman

West Germany's challenge to the restrictions imposed last month on imports into Britain of cheap American nylon carpet varn fizzled out today when EEC trade winiscours EEC trade ministers agreed merely to ask the European Commission for further details of the state o the European syntheric ibre industry to satisfy

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the British Trade minister, told his EEC colleagues that even the United States administration had accepted that Britain had a case in pressing for the import restrictions from the commis-

He added that the size of compensation being sought by the United States—Washington is reported to be seeking trade concessions from the EEC worth £55m to offset the effects of last

Four ships being built for British Rail at Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipyard, are months behind schedule and the delays could cost BR

millions of pounds, it was claimed yesterday after a naming ceremony for one of the vessels, the Sr Christopher, which is 12 weeks late.

Mr John Bosworth, chairman

of BR's Sealink division, said at a lunch to mark the cere-

mony: "We ordered four ships and all are late. One, the Gallo-

later: "We have a price cutting war on the English Channel

Sealink spokesman said

Delivery of BR ferries

months behind schedule

i action had not been taken. It has been estimated on the basis of the compensation claim that British imports of Ameri-can polyester filament yarn and nylon carpet yarn this year would have been two and a haif and six times 1978 levels. In raising objections to the

import restrictions, the German's sovernment was evidently seeking to pur a shot across the bows of its Common Market partners to deter them from seeking similar protectionist action. Herr Otto Schlecht, who depu-

tised for Dr Otto Graf Lambs-dorff, the Economics Minister, stressed that Germany wanted to see recourse to protectionist measures under article: 19 of the Gett treaty only in justi-fisble and special" cases.

It is thought that the German month's move—was in itself government, having made its proof that Britain would have point, will not now press the suffered a massive inflow of Issue further in Britain's case.

will run a ferry service on the Dover/Calais route.

and Wolff's chairman, admitted later: "We are behind time on these ships. But remember

a ship is meant to last for 20 years, and we would rather get it right now than later, even if we are a bit behind time.

"We got the jobs because of our record in fitting out passen-ger ships. But we've been build

takes time to adjust back to doing passenger vessels," he

'have been launched today, but this was delayed because of

The St Christopher should

explained.

Sir Brian Morton, Harland

spending up by 50 pc Fechnology Editor

EEC energy research

The EEC's spending on energy research is to be raised by 50 per cent as part of an increased by 50 per cent as part of an increased by 50 per cent as part of an increased share is going into reactor safety projects, and in particular simulation of a reactor mes costing about £530m over the next four years will include.

Three Miles Island mishap will further backing for the Joint European Torus (JET) fusion project at Culham, Oxfordshire; and nuclear reactor safety, solar energy and other projects at the various locations of the Joint Research Centre with

headquarters at ispra, Italy. neanquarters at tapra, Italy.

The programmes were put forward by Herr Guido Brunner, the Commissioner, whose responsibilities include energy, research, and the Joint Research Centre. They are described by the Commission as "the most ambitious and comprehensive" programmes agreed since the foundation of

the Community. . For fusion research, a £500m, four-year programme has been agreed to which the Community will contribute about £210m. Construction of the JET at Culham is now under way and should be complete by the beginning of 1983.

The remaining sum of about \$20m is going into a four year programme to be conducted by

important research tool". In this particular experiment, hecause of its international sig-nificance, the United States and envisaged.

envisaged. Among other new elements of the Community's research activity, remote sensing from space is being further developed; and the emphasis in the hydrogen technology work has changed to include a study of hydrogen for energy storage. hydrogen for energy storage and transport.

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Against a background where no major stock. market displayed strength over the year, the net asset value fell by 3.5% from 54.1p to 52.2p at 31st December, 1979. Over the

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with our steady buying policy in the United States. Elsewhere overseas we are adding to our Japanese holdings and increasing modestly our European and Australian

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| Revenue available for Ordinary Stock (Net) | £1,257,294 | £970,483 |
| Earned for Ordinary Stock (Net) | 2.51p | 1.95p |
| Total Assets Attributable to Ordinary | £27,165,679 | £28,107,787 |
| Stock | £26,134,012 | £26,986.402 |
| Net Asset Value per Unit of 25p | 52.2p | 54.1p |

GENERAL TRUST LIMITED

Dividend: Your Board is proposing that a final dividend

dividend of 0.217p) compared with a total of 1.85p in respect of 1978, an increase of 14.9%.

same period the FT Actuaries All-Share Index rose by 4.3% and the adjusted Standard & Poor's Composite Index fell by 27.6%. With over 75% of the Trust still invested in the United Kingdom the Board's policy is to . reduce this imbalance, and we shall continue

Annual General Meeting-20 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3, Friday, 11th April, 1980, at 11.30 a.m.

PRICE CHANGES

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- place to stalk game, but a German businessmen's association country's most famous elk there, in the guise of Ikea which has the elk as its mascot and bills itself as "the impossible furni-

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spokesmen have recently indi-cated that the sim is to reach the 12 million level by 1984. In a speech to the American Arab Association for Commerce

Mr Bergsten sought to under-Voel writes.

Mr Fred Bergsten, assistant mutual interest between the treasury secretary for inter-

Price rise 'could cost coal

By Bill Johnstone position as fuel for the electricity supply industry, dele-

gates at an electricity marketing conference at Harrogate were warned yesteday. At current prices, coal costs only 530 to 535 a tonne com-pared to £80 a tonne for oil. But the economics of using it could change where improve-ments in the efficient burning of oil have been achieved or in the event of any price rise

A number of speakers were concerned about the effects of rising costs of fossil fuels generally. For this reason they emphasized the need to continue with the nuclear pro-

gramme since the fuel cost in

ture store from Sweden."

The Association for the Pre-

servation of Pair Competition has won the first legal round against Ikea: The association

as plaintiffs won the court's

agreement for its charge that Ikea should not pretend to be a Swedish furniture store when,

in fact, a good portion of its

products come from else-

where such as East Germany

The court ruled that such a

claim could confuse customers furniture buying.

generating plant.

compared with 80 per cent in a conventional fossil fuel While advocating " an orderly

deputy chairman of the Elec-tricity Generating Board cau-tioned delegates that nuclear costs would also increase with rises in wamum prices and the capital costs of plant. In addition, he said, there will undoubtedly be greater pressures for more safety measures. However, Mr Bonner added

privileged position' By Bill Johnstone a nuclear plant is only 50 per Coal could lose its privileged cent of the total running costs

growth" in the nuclear pro-

that "nuclear is still more favourable than coal". The electricity industry is stil awaiting a statement by the Government on its cash

German businessmen tackle a Swedish connexion

The state court in Düsseldorf and forbad Ikea to use its might not seem the likeliest motto, or display the Swedish flag in connexion with its like Ikea stores feature a advertising. But the elk, appar-modest corner displaying the has none the less, bagged the ently can stay as a mascot. Ikea intends to appeal the ruling and can continue its

claims to Swedishness until

both courts of appeal uphold

the Düsseldorf judgment. The whole case raises some wide-ranging questions about what's in a name, and could have implications for marketing everything from French perfume to United States jeans. It is perhaps, moot whether Ikea's phenomenal growth in Germany—reaching a turnover last year of DM550m just five years after entering the market is due to the Swedish connexion or to the group's innovative cash and carry approach to

Located in empty fields outside large cities, the warehouselike Ikea stores feature a wares and a huge shopping area with those same wares all packaged up on roof high Having made his selection, the customer loads his package

onto an oversize grocery cart,

takes it through check-out, hauls it home (usually on the luggage rack on top of the car) and nails or screws it together according to a wordless instruc-Ikea defends its claims to Swedish origins, Solicitor Klaus Kelwing points out that Solicitor Ikea has been in Sweden about 30 years and is the country's

products are designed in Sweden, and 75 per cent are produced in Scandinavia (more than 50 per cent in Sweden itself). Ikea buys the rest from foreign manufacturers, but only according to its own specifica-

Germany's national marketing association last year honoured Ikea's accomplishments with its coveted marketing prize. Such success makes enemies, and one might suspect that the challenge to the Swedishness of the

impossible furniture store is a

front for disgruntled German furniture dealers. Both parties

are ready to fight through to the final appeal. largest furniture group, with a market share of 22 per cent. Darrell Delamaide More than 90 per cent of the in Hamburg

'We buy British for over 90 pc

which offered BL the oppor



Uganda hands back 'empires' to Asians

Uganda's government has concluded operating agreements with members of two Asian family groups to resore the sugar and tea estates and steel milis they operated until 1972, when former President Amin expelled Asians from the coun-

try.
Separate agreements have been concluded for the Madhvani and Mehta families to operate their industrial em-pires in partnership with the government, the sugar estates, steel mills, tea estates and other industries. But the question of ownership of the £100m assets, or of compensation for their seizure in 1972, remains to be settled.

China oil potential

China has vast potential oil reserves and prospects for future oil exploration are bright, Mr Song Zhenming, the Chinese oil minister said. He told a UN-sponsored meeting the country had increased oil production to 106 million tonnes last year, but this was losufficient to satisfy the needs of modernization.

California purchase

Zealand. And in many of the more advanced developing countries, our exports are blocked by barriers that are insuperable.", Mr Ian MacArthur, Toshiba Corporation an-counced in Tokyo that it has bought Maruman Integrated Circuits Inc of California Toshiba becomes the third Japanese company to produce semiconductors in the United

Dutch strike call

Holland's trade union federa tion, FNV, has called for net-ionwide work stoppages on Thursday to coincide with a parliamentary debate on the Dutch government's wage con-trols. The FNV has been continuing a programme of rolling strikes in recent days in the industrial and building sectors in protest at wage policies.

Canal contract

Cie de Constructions Inter-nationales (CCI) has been awarded a F650m contract to build a 360-kilometre canal at Jonglei, in Sudan, to be com-pleted in 1985.

Radical plan to reduce Community's dependence on oil imports

EEC summit faces energy tax call

at the end of this month could be confronted by radical Commission proposals urging big increases in energy prices in the member states and some form of energy tax or levy at a Community level.

Such measures are conceived as the basis of a new Community energy policy designed to reduce the EEC's dependence on imported energy sources to 30 per cent in the last decade of the century compared with the target of a 50 per cent dependence by 1990.

Officials reporting to Herr Guido Brunner, the EEC Commissioner responsible for energy affairs, have been working on drafts of a programme for adoption by the Commission and presentation to the nine heads of government in the European Council on March 31, by Mr Roy Jenkins, the Commission President.

Both Herr Brunner and Mr Jenkins believe that 1980 is a make or break year in which the Community has a last chance to decide a common policy to reduce its dependence Although it is recognized that progress has been made at Com-

By Our Industrial Staff

Textile leaders yesterday

urged the Government to break down artificial trade barriers which are making it almost impossible for the industry to

"Tariffs and other restric-

tions hamper our exports to many developed countries, such as the United States, South Africa, Australia and New

director of the British Textile

In Brazil, tariffs on British woven fabrics range from 155 to 200 per cent; in South Kores, the tariff is 80 per cent, and many products are totally

Addressing a meeting of Northern Ireland's textile asso-

intions, Mr MacArthur said:

"Trading opportunity is lop-sided. This applies not only to the barriers which block our exports, but the European Community's attitude to

"The Community is the lar-gest market for the textile and

clothing products of the developing countries. It is also

the least protected market in

Confederation, said.

imports.

export to many countries.

Textile industry plea

to end tariff barriers

munity level in energy policy since the first of crisis of 1973, there is still much to be done before the energy programmes of the member states are effecnvely coordinated, let alone welded together in a common

Yet it is hoped that last year's 110 per cent rise in oil prices will persuade EEC heads of government at least to accept the need for a common colicy could lead to its adoption at the Council meeting in Venice in

Commission officials argue that the price of oil in Europe is too low in that it does not take account of its economic and prospective scarcity value.
Government policies designed
to keep prices down and
minimise the effects of increases on consumers have, it is argued, reduced incentives to energy and develop alternative counteracted other government policies to reduce oil consump-

tion.
But national moves increase prices through higher taxes would have to be coordinated at European level to prevent the existing dispari-

growth in total access to the Community market, and many of these imports are allowed in duty-free." The confederation expects to submit detailed proposals for international trade in textiles later this

In a direct appeal to the Prime Minister, the Confedera-tion of British Wool Textiles

said that the industry, in com-mon with others, was becoming

increasingly uncompetitive be-cause of the Government's policies, which were intensify

ing the already damaging effects of a world recession and

now threatened the "whole future of this country as an industrial power".

The Bradford-based con-

federation, which represents about 700 companies, said the industry was threatened not

merely by cheap imports but by the strength of sterling and

high interest rates. It asked Mrs Thatcher to "protect

industry from the worst rigours of the prescribed medicines while the cure is being

Ministerial statements that

effected ".

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While it is hoped that national increases in the price of oil would reduce overall demand, a Community tax or levy on oil could provide funds to help finance energy saving and alternative energy sources.

The Commission has esti-mated that around 400,000 million European units of account (about £248,000m) will be invested in energy in the EEC during 1980s. A further 50,000m to 100,000m units of account (E31,000m to £61,000m) are needed to produce a qualitative improvement in this energy investment that would hold the EEC's oil imports during the 1980s at their present level.

help provide the funds required to cut back dependence on oil, it is argued. So far it would seem that the Commission has not excluded any option on the taxation

The Community oil tax could

front, The pros and cons of taxes on imports, production and consumption of oil as well as of these three forms of taxation on other energy sources

At present, several factors position of a production tax together with an import tax would affect producers in the North Sea, But it would also remove the possibility of the EEC breaking the Gatt rules by discriminating against third country producers of oil and should placate the Opec states, which have let it be known that an EEC tax on oil imports could be grounds for them again to raise their oil prices.

Additional taxes on consump-tion could then be applied in a discriminatory fashion to influ-ence the pattern of oil demand. Although the final shape of the Commission proposals must remain a subject for conjecture at this stage, current thinking suggests that Brussels is aiming for a radical shake-up of atri-tudes towards the EEC energy problem with far reaching implications for the consumer. Each of the past three European councils has considered the energy problem. It remains to be seen whether this month's

summit really gets to grips with Peter Norman

Cement makers agree to peg prices for year

By John Huxley

Cement manufacturers are hoping to pag prices until next March. Some months before that, however, they will try to give customers a pointer to the scale of the rise, which is to be spread over three instalments. These proposals are contained in a letter sent to civil engi-neers by the Cement Makers' Federation, through which the

manufacturers. operate a common pricing arrangement.

At the beginning of this month, the cement companies increased prices by 24 per cent in a move that incensed civil engineers, who are among the largest users.

Although a subsequent meeting has helped to clear the air, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, chair-man of Rugby Portland, a mem-ber of the Cement Makers' Federation, yesterday replied in angry terms to critics of the

price rises,
He said, "People who take it
upon themselves to make public
pronouncements about alleged price rings really should acquaint themselves with the facts before blowing their heads

cheap clothing imports were of off in public " Last week, Sir Maurice Laing, benefit to the consumer were president of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors (FCEC), urged the Government criticized by Mr Monty Goldman, chairman of the Shirt Manufacturers Federation. The the to end the cement makers' Boyd-Carpenter, who

was speaking to the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, said the price increases would have been greater if there had been no

He described the increase as modest, at a time when coment makers were facing rapidly rising costs.

In its letter to the civil engineers, the cement makers concede that the rise was "unusually steep". Prices should not go up again until next March unless something quite unforeseen happens. In any case it is hoped to give cus-tomers a pointer to the size of the increase in November, when pricing deliberations begin.

Moreover, it is intended that the eventual increase will be phased in gradually. The coment makers hope that these proposals will meet criticism that too hittle warning—just over a fortnight—was given of the last increases.

Civil engineers yesterday welcomed the proposals. although they remain concerned that the cement makers have been unable to suggest ways in which contractors being burt by the last increases can be

The FCEC has asked the Cement Makers Federation.
which comprises all but one of
the manufacturers in the United

CBI backs consumer law plan

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs Correspondent

The marketing and consumer affairs committee of the Confederation of British Industry is to take over a campaign to ensure the cost-affectiveness of consumer legislation.

The campaign was initiated by the Commercial Legislation of the Commercial Legislation. Monitoring Group, an ad hoc body formed by 18 major business groups, including the CBI. The group commissioned a report from the Economist and the CBI. Intelligence Unit which esti-mated that the cost of consu-mer legislation was between £150m and £200m in 1978, and recommended that no new laws should be proposed until industry had been offered the opportunity to set up voluntary codes to achieve the seme

Mr Harry Shepherd of Marks & Spencer, who chaired the group, said yesterday that its main recommendations had been accepted in principle by Mrs Sally Oppenheim, minister for consumer affairs.

Mrs Oppenheim has agreed that new consumer protection measures should only be introduced where the benefits out-weigh the costs, but she has also said that, on the evidence of the study, the costs of consumer protection measures—
1:p per £10 of household

Concern at plastics competition

Plastics machinery manufacturers are becoming increas ingly concerned that they are not being allowed to compete in world markets on equal with overseas com petitors.

Several countries deliberately fabricate difficulties over matters such as documentation at the port of entry, according to the machinery and engineers group of the British Plastics Federation.

It is also widely believed in the industry that some overseas competitors receive hidden government financial assistance for exports. By comparison, the United Kingdom's finance arrangements are slow and too restrictive, according to the

Mr Philip Young, group's chairman, explained that machinery manufacturers were being challenged both at home and in third markets by exports from West Germany, Italy and to a lesser extent Switzerland. Japanese manufacturers are also taking a large share of world markets.

Sir, When a company like BL promotes Buying British as a virtue, it is inevitable (and costs very significantly.
BL Systems were unable to discover a UK manufactured quite proper) that its own purchasing decisions should be questioned, as in the case of Mr Philip Rule's letter (March microcomputer similar APL facilities. Because of BL Systems' expertise in the field we have been offered (but not Refore dealing with the speci-

fic point he raised. I must re-but the statement: "It is well known that BL imports vast quantities of equipment, often when there are British-made butorship for this machine. On a more general note, British equipment is key to a number of the more recent computer developments in BL. products which could be used The administrative systems behind Unipart are all based equally well ". This is untrue. BL. as a whole, buys British for well upon large ICL computers; the most recent ICL annual report features an important joint ICL/BL development for BL's distributors and dealers based on ICL's very successful 1500 minicomputers; Ferranti and

over 90 per cent of its require-ments which in a year amounts to £2,000m spent with some 7,000 companies in this country. The remainder accounts for components and equipment that is either not available from a British source or the equivalent British product is unacceptable for commercial

From Mr John Leighfield

We in BL are doing no less than what we are asking British people and United Kingdom companies to do—that is look at the British product. before making a purchasing

The case quoted by Mr Rula concerns BL Systems Ltd and I assume he is referring to a small computer called the MCM 900. The facts are as follows: BL in common with many

lorge organizations world-wide is increasingly using a computer system called a computer system called APL to improve its budgeting, planning and associated activities.

Again in common with most users of APL, BL has traditionally used a "time-sharing" computer bureau to satisfy the growing need for it.

Recently BL Systems Ltd discovered that a Cauadian computer company had pro-

Rover and Metro plants; Ferranti and BL have also worked very closely together to introduce and install a very sophisticated computer cabling system as the backbone of the control systems for the Metro and new Land-Rover facilities.

Some years ago British Leyland as it then was centralized on IBM: BL Systems now weights is computer procurement decisions in favour of British equipment when there British equipment when there is a real freedom of choice. The very close recent collabora-tion with ICL and Ferranti (over the past two years) shows this. Often however decisions are severely constrained by major axisting software invest-ments which are the result of procurement decisions taken as long as 10 years ago or the non-availability from British suppliers of particular special-ized equipment or software.

BL have recently jointly developed a minicomputer

based vehicle electrical testing

system for Jaguar which is to be further installed in the Rover and Metro plants; Fer-

On the more general issue the overriding reason for creating BLSL was to provide the most duced a microcomputer effective computer systems to (MCM 900) that has a very BL itself. However, where there powerful APL facility and are opportunities to exploit

Plea for further action on minerals problem

Sir, Those who have been fol-rights in the sixties, whereby lowing the correspondence over a period they would have about the problem of title to to be registered by those who minerals in England and Wales lay claim to them. There are will have observed that it has now gradually petered out. It has ranged from the sublime suggestion that the volume and nature of the mineral resources in this country is of so limited a value anyway to the ridicu-lous one that the proponents of change see it only in terms of a nationalization of the

resources in Question. In fact there are many so-proaches available that would lead to a solution of this problem—one of them being the interesting one put forward by David Penhaligon in his Mineral Rights Bill which unfortunately never saw the light of day and which treated mineral rights in

lay claim to them. There are other equally visble solutions. It remains to be said that the matter should not be allowed to rest and that this kind of inaction on the part of those res-possible for our national progress is one of the causes that has led to our present econo-mic decline. Surely the matter, which is not a difficult one to resolve, can and should be tackled and not allowed to slide

as seems to be always the case these days?
Yours faithfully,
J. ANTHONY HOLLAND,
Foot & Bowden, Solicitors,
70-72 North Hill,
Plymouth PIA 8HH.
March 11. March 11.

Qualifications and the company secretary

From Mr G. C. Smith

Sir, I understand that in the
Companies Bill that has just
had its third reading in the
House of Commons, there is a
clause indicating that the secretary of a public company shall
be properly qualified and listing professions and professional
bodies whose members would be
accompanie to fill such a posiacceptable to fill such a posi-

tion.

To ensure that a company secretary of a public company is a properly qualified person makes sense. I cannot understand, however, why members of a body whose basic training is in auditing or those of an association whose training is directed towards public finance and local government account-ing should be included in a statutory list of persons quali-fied to be a company secretary, whereas members of other bod-

State industry chief's pay

From Mr Elwyn Evans
Sir, I see from your news
columns that the chairmen of
nationalized industries want
more pay. The Prime Minister more pay. The frame Milister has frequently said that pay should be related to productivity—that efficient enterprises should give higher salaries than inefficient. Is there any reason why this principle should not be applied to these chairmen? Yours faithfully, Elwyn Evans, 59 Circle Gardens,

Merton Park, London SW19.

ies, whose study and experience are more closely connected with company work are omitted. It is just as important that a fully qualified person should be the accountant of a public company, but qualifications for this important, post are not mentioned in any Companies Act or Bill!

Maybe, when the Bill goes to the House of Lords, their lord-ships will see the weakness and unfakmess of this clause and reject it in its present form. It is understood that the clause was added to the Bill against the Government's wishes. Yours faithfully, G. C. SMITH, Vice-President.

Society of Company and Commercial Accountants, 40 Tyndalls Park Road, Clifton. Bristol BSS 1PL.

Licence fee for Citizens' Band

From Mr P. G. Smith Sir, There appear to be two major issues relating to radio transmission receiving attention; BBC cuts and pressure for Citizens' Band licensing. Why not licence CB (with appropriate frequency and power controls) at a substantial annual licence fee payable to the BBC? Yours faithfully, P. G. SMITH, The Town Hall, Euston Road, London, NW1 2RU.

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vet accepted) the UK distri- BL's funding, not dis-butorship for this machine. I applaud Mr Rules ing policy of buying cars—but the task? more difficult whe "British" cars are in made in the United E. made in the United R all and are imported! Kingdom based compa certain vehicles in Yours faithfully, .

IOHN LEIGHFIELD. Managing Director.
BL Systems Limited: From Professor Gera

Sir, Michael Edwards on our national suicid has certainly produ results. On hearing famous utterances I breakneck speed to it stoke BL centre immediate delivery Minis shedding a pair. cars en route. Fired with national with a supstantia mark I found to my that the Clubman in and 1100 Special h really very good. In small car on the in the performance ex With a radio clock h window, locks on e steering lock, petrol-wide wheels and is

mirrors and tinted w satisfied. Yours faithfully GERALD BENNEY, Visiting Professor. Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London SW7 2EU. March 12.

Credit card and need fo VAT receip

From Mr Nick Lance: has overlooked an ... function of a receip the credit card When I make a but chase for cash, or tlent. I need to get which shows the ven number. This enabl If the customer's c

credit card voucher s vendor's VAT numbe was embossed on the the voucher had a b voucher would suf-receipt Much time. saved at the point both vendor and pu making preparation reducing costs and keep prices down. Fu the credit card vouch a standard size, red and simplifying hand is this not done? .84 Pembroke Garden London W8 6HU.

Air tickets l cheque pays From Mr Griffith Va-Williams

Sir, Further to h Baker's point about air ticket by chequ 11). I understand a will not fly a pass enother carrier's tichas been issued a cheque. No such b plies in similar "poo cumstances when a been issued against card transaction. P in case the cheque or has been stolen. GRIFFITH VAUGHA

849 Fulham Road, London, SW6 SHJ:

Handling a From The Rev Micha Sir, In 1973 I broug cupboard for my Today—12 letters, and 20 telephone cal the door handles have I calculate the to elapsed as 526 days. Is this a record o been fortunate in my é of British commerci prise? The Rev Michael Saw Ealing Vicarage, 11 Church Place, W5

No conflict in inflation adjustm

March 10.

From Professor Charles Kennedy
Sir, In suggesting that "any
gearing adjustment is inferior
to general price level adjustment in reporting the effects
of inflation", Professor Whittington (The Times, March 10)

perpetuates the myth that there s a conflict between the two approaches. In fact there is no conflict, once one accepts, at Whittington does, that assets should be revalued at current

Suppose I borrow £100 to buy an asset costing £100, which rises in value during the year to £130 while prices in general have risen by 20 per cent. The inflation adjusted gain is then £30. While a gearing adjustment gets to this result in one move, Whittington prefers instead to take credit for a gain on bor-rowing of £20 together with an inflation-adjusted holding gain

If only part of my purchase

DE Inily of

had been financed by borrowing, the choice of method has a little more significance, but is not an issue worth going to war about. Suppose I had borrowed about. Suppose I had borrowed only £20 and put up £80 myself. The inflation-adjusted gain is then £14, a result that can be reached by either of two routes.

In one, a gearing adjustment of £6 is brought in, followed by £8 for the inflation-adjusted ungeared proportion of holding gains. In the Whittington route, f4 is brought in for the gain from borrowing and £10 for the inflation adjusted total holding gain on the asset. The case for preferring the route via a gearing adjustment is. I think, twofold. First, it

sidesteps the objections of the considerable number of critics of CPP, who were reluctant to take credit for a gain on borrowing independently of the use to which the borrowing had been put. Although I do not pceu bar

the point is worth con the interests of consent positively, the gearing ment, though it must full gearing adjustment the ED 24 half-r tells me something o cance on the way to result. It tells me how can spend while still ing my original capital ratio. I can borrow a £6, restoring my origin ing ratio of one-fifth, 2: it on a bottle of fine cla Whether or not the two arguments are for vincing, what is clear there is no inconsistent the control of the con

personally share this re

soever between a gearin ment and a general pri adjustment. Myself. ad justment. always been an adve Yours faithfully. CHARLES KENNEDY,

the developed world. "We have import controls, but they guarantee an annual real beneficiary was importer who often Water Company Mr. A.W. White's Statement to Stockholders

Consumption and

Charges to Consumers The average daily consumption increased from 80.1 million gallons in 1978 to 84.3 million gallons in 1979 and was attributable to extra demand by domestic and non-metered consumers. Increases in demand inevitably bring forward the time when new works and mains have to be provided and, with the capital costs which these entail, it is clearly to the advantage of all consumers to exercise restraint in the use of water. With the most easily exploitable sources already having been brought into use, the cost of providing new sources becomes ever more

expensive A reduction in the demand forwater should be encouraged by an extension of the availability of metering and volume based charges. As a step in following the charging requirements of the Water Act, 1973, the Company intends to allow the larger commercial users the option of transferring to a metered supply, where the charge will be based on water consumed, instead of a calculation based on the rateable value of the property concerned It is possible that this option to change to a metered supply may, eventually, be made available to all non-metered consumers. including householders. However, the speed at which this can be introduced is limited by the availability of equipment and metering staff.

Major Developments

To ensure that future water demands may be met, additional rapid filters are to be constructed at Hanningheld to come into service in 1982 and a geotechnical survey has been commissioned to assess the feasibility of constructing a raw water tunnel link between Langford and Hanningfield. Construction of a 2.7 n-illion gallon service reservoir at Bowers Gifford, with associated mains, has commenced and when completed will improve supplies to Canvey Island. Electric motors have been $ordered \ for \ installation \ at Langham \ High \ Lift$ Pumping Station and will replace the existing diesel engines.

The lack of adequate accommodation for the staff of the Mid-Essex Division has been a matter of concern since the water undertakings in the Chelmsfordarea were transferred to the company

in 1971. A site adjoining the Divisional Office and Depot at Hall Street, Chelmsford, has now been purchased and plans are being prepared to convertan existing listed building on the newly acquired site to provide office and other facilities. When completed, it will enable staff who are temporarily housed in rented offices nearby to actum to the main site. Work has started on an extension to the computer building at head office to house the new twin ICL 2905 computers which are due for delivery in June. 1980. Plaus are well advanced for building an office at Romford for the South Essex Division.

Changes in Capital On 24th July, 1979, \$6,000,000 of 8% redeemable preference stock, 1984, was issued atan average price of \$10139 per \$100 of stock Applications for over \$13,000,000 of stock were received From the proceeds of the issue, £4.000,000 of 10% redcemable preference stock, 1979, was redeemed on 30th September, 1979, and \$300,000 of 4.025% (formerly 5%%) redeemable preference stock 1977,79 and \$250,000 of 5% redeemable debenture stock, 1977/79, were redeemed on 31st December, 1979. The balance of the issue is being used to finance capital expenditure on improving and extending works and mains, including those items outlined in the paragraph above.

Directors

McPaul Channon. MP. resigned his Directorship on 11th May, 1979, having accepted a ministerial appointment in the newly elected government. I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Channon for his services as a Director.

It is with great regret I have to record the death of Sir Hubert Ashton ou 17th June, 1979. Sir Hubert had been a Director for 27 years, 13 of which he had served as Deputy Chairman. His many interests gave him a breadth of vision which was greatly valued and he is missed, not only by his fellow Directors, but also by the stall in whom he always took a particular interest.

The Hon Peter E. Brassey, J.P., has succeeded Sir Hubert Ashton as Deputy Chairman. Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, K.C.B., Lord

Lieutenant of Essex, accepted an invitation to fill the vacancy arising from Sir Hubert Ashton's death and I welcome him to the Board.

ball gazing is not easy in this period rest rates war and currency turmoil. is particularly difficult and most managers are adopting a wait and see e, and with interest rates of around cent obtainable on short-term dollar s there is clearly no need to hurry.

see in the coming months a replay 1975 recession and are preparing. ngly. Since we tend to see the future is of past experience this could turn be the best course of action. But are important differences.

e is no guarantee that recycling of money will be as easy as last time. anians might be buying less and the might foresake a massive buying for the sake of internal stability. A n to the Third World debt problems more insoluble than ever while beof Afghanistan and other factors, to the Warsaw Pact countries will not asy as last time

ie fall in the price of gold persists be Soviet Union itself may find it t to grant economic support to some ore hard pressed allies.

on the assumption that the Carter e works and that this will once more e shape of a classical recession what y to happen ?

the recession commodities, gold and uld be relatively weak. High interest nd the fall in demand are going to pare the liquidity problems world-or most companies. Profits and cash ill be under pressure.

er such circumstances there seems no o rush into equities just yet. But, s markets are signalling a recession it has been officially pronounced— rica this is somewhat arbitrarily said ir when the Gross National Product two successive quarters.

e oil shares were excluded from the rd and Poor index, it would have been y about 10 per cent in the last couple iths. American analysts see profits this year and the general view seems hat the p/e ratio of the Dow Jones e will rise from 6 to a still-undemand-

e Carter package works then interest tould start falling later this year and li be the signal to think about equiie two markets that spring to mind Il Street and Japan. Both are unde .and in each case currency consideraave something to do with any buying

pean markets will take a while Though it should be noted that Gerank shares perversely move when rates fall and they could be a good he next few months.

3 must be a question mark over Loncause no one has past experience of dy found freedom to invest anywhere ere seems no collective mind among lanagers about what to do. Figurahey are like the prisoner out after stretch who does not know what to

e Bond Liebig

ersing the

Bond Liebig has reversed decisively fits decline of the last couple of years 46 per cent jump from £16.5m. ling property disposals in South a which have now tailed off) to pre-tax in the six months to end ways with Brooke Bonk appearances

eptive. The improvement is flattered comparison with a poor opening last year and the absence of heavy sing costs, which given an average ion budget of perhaps £5m a year as at its seasonal height during last television strike could have added £14m to United Kingdom profits. he same the upturn has to be viewed context of the continued strength of ; which the group estimates to have profits by £1.3m and average tea more than a tenth lewer at 99p a nich restrained the plantations. Perie best news, however, is the continuprovement in the trading mix which

ed by volume gains across the board etter margins, the United Kingdom ons more than maintained the

help Brooke Bond break away from

ige of being tied to the commodity

previous year's pace with trading profits up from £6.4m to £14.1m. Even the meat side looked up with the downturn in the Baxters retailing division offset by better returns from the processing divisions like Somerwest.

Meanwhile Brooke Bond is managing to keep its share of the United Kingdom tea market at a healthy 34 per cent and margins, especially now that the Price Commission has passed away and there is a more pronounced switch from packet to tea bags, are looking better.

The second half is not shaping up as well however even though London tea prices are starting to harden. Even so that will probably mean pre-tax profits of at least £44m this year for a prospective fully taxed p/e ration of under 7 at 51p while the likely vield of 11 per cent is as attractive as ever. The increase in United Kingdom profits has amount of unrelieved ACT would be for a started to ease the group's ACT difficulties but the only sure way of releasing the large sizable United Kingdom acqusition which the balance sheet can now stand, since end year borrowings will be no higher than

Maple

Waring comes into the open

Waring & Gillow presumably calculates that the awful memories of the property crisis in the mid-1970s are still sufficiently fresh in the minds of Maple shareholders for them to be tempted into taking a bird in the hand

and thus its 30p a share offer. Maple and its advisers think otherwise shareholders remained loyal even during the dark days when the share price was down at 4p so the argument is that they should stick out for a higher offer now that Maple

has achieved a strong profits recovery. Further, Maple has suggested something nore this year (although half-year profits did not indicate anything very dramatic) and this, together with available tax losses of £1{m at the end of last year, implies that on an earnings basis Waring's offer will not look as generous as the bare 1978/79 figures

Meanwhile, Waring promises something special in its official offer about how it intends funding this deal. It could have to put up cash of £8.4m. That probably means proposals to release funds from Maple's property holdings, with an element of saleand-leaseback, if the deal goes through.

So while Maple indicated when Waring first started making overtures a few weeks ago that it would nor defend on asset grounds (and at face value with book assets at only 141p this is not surprising) the arguments at the end of the day may indeed centre on property potential and the benefits to be gained from rationalizing two furniture retailing chains so that they can best weather

Smith & Nephew

A mixed picture

Smith & Nephew's 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £22.2m was in line with market estimates. So too was the increase But the divisional breakdown reveals some wild fluctuations over the previous year. There were two major problem areas. Cosmetics where bad weather and the transport strike early in 1979 reduced operating profits to zero compared with £1.5m in 1978. Denim textiles for jeans also took a rumble; margins were sharply squeezed as the weak United States dollar

allowed American competition to steal into the European market. But a solid 16 per cent rise to £11.2m from the main medical and health care division and sparkling results from plastics and tapes more than made up the difference partly due to a first-time contribution from the Anchor acquisition.

The cost of financing the debt-now at £38.4m, or 49 per cent of shareholders' funds is likely to be the main influence on profits in 1980. Smith & Nephew is already expecting slightly higher first quarter profits and given falling interest rates, chairman, Mr Kenneth Kemp is reasonably confident of showing an increase for the full year. Nevertheless, a fully-taxed p'e ratio of 12 at 75 p and yield of 6.9 per cent is asking quite a lot.

By 1984 the Government will be taking about £15,000m a year in North Sea taxes

Are we squandering our oil riches?

money tree at the bottom of its to make is between spending it measures which directly impacts for a medium-term finan-pects for a medium-term finan-Government's deficit. pects for a medium-term finan-cial plan are the quite remark-able increases in government revenue from the North Sea which will result from increased which will result from increased ail prices.

Suppose that the Government decides that the country should spend the money. It basically has two options—to hand over the revenue in the form of tax

that the Government will be taking something of the order of £15,000m a year in total tax from the North Sea. This is well over twice the figure which emerged from calculations made before the round of oil price increases in 1979.

The Government gets the

extra revenue for two reasons. The structure of tax in the North Sea is such that it was due, in any case, to obtain about 70 per cent of the revenue from the North Sea by the middle part of the 1980s. But the increase in oil prices increases the profitability of the fields; and the more profitable the fields the higher the proportion going to the Government.

Britain has already messed up the great debate about what to do with oil revenue once. The Labour Government, in its 1978 White Paper on the challenge of North Sea oil, avoided some issues and muddled others. As a result the early years of increasing production, during which North Sea oil has had a dramatic offect on our belong of nav. tic effect on our balance of pay-ments, slipped by with no serious discussion about how we should use the benefits.

They were spent on financing an increasing deficit in our nonoil trading account. We spent a capital asset and bought foreign

consumer goods.

It was easy for the Government to spoid serious thought about what to do with North Sea oil because the money from the North Sea did not actually flow through government hands.
At present only about 30 per cent of total revenue goes to the Government; in earlier years the proportion was less. But by 1984 that proportion will be up to 80 per cent. So if the Government wastes the money we will know where the blame lies. What are the options open to

The British Government has a it? The first choice it will have can have then

cuts or to do the spending itself. The tax cutting strategy is usually thought of in terms of cutting income tax; but the disadvantages of this route are

If one thing is clear about our present situation it is that industry is in trouble and the nated by wages and salaries, has done well in recent years in relative terms. Rates of return are so low that the very survival of large parts of our industry must be in doubt. So to hand a further windfall

bonus to the personal sector looks a rather odd thing to do. This applies just as strongly to the proposal by Mr. Samuel Brittan and Mr. Barry Riley that individuals should be given some kind of North Sea equity. which presumably would be worth cash.

Indeed, if the idea is to "trust the people" about how North Sea oil revenue is to be used there seems no reason not o give them the money direct.
Suppose that the Government were to say that instead of giving the money to individuals it would give it to industry, through abolishing the National Insurance surcharge, cutting corporation tax and generally reducing the taxation burden

This seems a more direct

route to follow if the aim is the saving and rebuilding of our industrial base, but it runs flat into the corrent policy on what determines wages. For the squeeze on companies is not something which is happening by accident. It follows logically look on it as the way to force companies to make less in-

only form of wage restraint we would be to force British in-

short term would risk provok-ing further inflation. For if this model of wage bargaming is right, unions will merely insist in gerring higher wages to soak up the tax concessions made to the corporate sector

the Government. The attractions are obvious.

All of the above options assume that the Government will spend the money in some form. If it does, the test ought the restoration of our industrial base or is simply oriented towards getting maximum con-sumer satisfaction while the oil lasts. Only the first option

by the Government.

Some of the same problems apply to the idea canvassed by the Trades Union Congress, that the money should be used to finance direct intervention and investment in industry by

is the Government's (that is, our) money, so there are strong distributional arguments for ensuring that we all end up owning any assets which are acquired. Such an approach would also, in theory at least, enable us to focus the spending in those areas of the economy where money could do most But the practical problems

are also very great. Leaving aside objections of principle to the Government's intervening directly in industry, just how is it to be done and by whom?
Advocates of some kind of "North Sea oil fund" have so far been very unspecific about just which industries it would invest in and how. Certainly none of the existing institutions we have could cope with funds on anything like the acale in prospect.

can make any sense.

There is an alternative, however, which the Government is

considering seriously. This is from Government policies which to use the extra revenue to run down its borrowing requirement to zero and even to repay some of its debr by running a flationary wage sertlements. some of its debr by runni If lack of liquidity is the surplus. The effects of

A drilling team at work in the Forties field,

vestors to switch funds from the purchase of United Kingdom gilts either into industrial shares or more probably into the acquisition of overseas assets. What would have to happen

is that the United Kingdom would run a deficit on its capital account and would thus be forced to run a surplus on its current account. Unless this came about through a dramatic devaluation of sterling, which seems unlikely, it is bound to occur through the mechanism That seems to be a way to

worsen the squeeze on British industry and not to help it. We would end the period of North Sea oil with more foreign assets but far less British industry.

Whatever alternative the Government is going to adopt, it should start telling us now. Far more important than the details of how much cigarettes go up in next week's Budget is the need to spell out now how the Government intends to use the opportunity of North Sea

David Blake

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Disrupting the tidy world of the Swiss banks

To many people Switzerland's banking industry symbolizes a continuation into the present day of attitudes that have been in retreat elsewhere in Europe since before the First World

The banker, like the priest or the lawyer is seen as enjoy-ing a position of special responsibility in society. It is con-sidered that he can carry out his duties properly only if he has the must of his clientele, and discretion—summed up in the two words banking secrecy —is intrumental in establishing and maintaining this trust. But for some time the tidy

world of the Swiss banker has been under pressure.
The Swiss Social Democrat Party is pushing strongly to increase the state's tax income from the industry and lift some

rounds the activities of the The Social Democrats are no mean political force. The party claims to be the country's strongest in terms of membership. It obtained a quarter of the vote at the last federal elections. It is a member of the ruling coalition, with two ministers in the cabinet, in-cluding slace the beginning of this year Herr Willy Ritschard,

the finance minister.
Since Herr Ritschard became finance minister political attention has refocused on banking. It seems likely that the Social Democrats will make their co-operation with the other ruling parties on the vexed question of meering Switzerland's budget deficit dependent on an agreement to increase the taxes levied on banking.

Furthermore a Social Democrat as finance minister in-creases the importance of a "people's initiative" being organized by the party which could result in a referendum

on the issue of the banking revenue authorities for tax Both lines of attack are

equally unwelcome to the banks as it is feared that they could lead to a loss of foreign business. There have been sugges-tions that taxes should be imposed on foreign notes and bonds and on the earnings from money which foreigners antrust to Swiss banks in fidu-

ciary accounts.

Banking secrecy is a more subtle problem. There is scepticism as to whether the planned initiative will ever be translated into law. But in having to fend off the Social Demo-crat offensive the banks are demonstrating that Swiss bank-ing secrecy is not as compre-hensive as much would have us believe. Unfavourable comparisons are being made with other banking centres.

in Switzerland is powerful. The numbered sccount and the correct, but none too curious, Swiss bank manager are supposed to afford a safe haven for the fugitive capital of discredited dictators, the illicit profits of mobsters and racketeers, and earnings that otherwise wholly respectable people would rather not see go to their own tax authorities.

Backing up banking secrecy are the draconian provisions of a law enacted in 1934, when Hitler's agents were at work in Basle, Zurich and Geneva seeking out the bank accounts of German Jews. Any bank official betraying a secret or any third party trying to elicit a secret from a Swiss banker is liable to six months in jail or a fine of up to 50,000 francs.
So far 120,000 people have
signed a perition in favour of
the Social Democrat initiative that sets out to wesken bank-ing secrecy. The initiative

ing secrecy. The initiative states that banks should be obliged to give information to

evasion is suspected and that give legal assistance to other countries seeking information to do with criminal proceed-ings, rax and currency offences. Herr Rudolf Strabm, a Social Democrat Party executive, is the man behind the initiative. His aim is to establish fair-

ness at home—by eliminating some of the loopholes through which middle and upper class professional people can evade taxation—and solidarity with socialists abroad. His argument is that Switzerland cannot continue to be an island for fugitive capital and help to deplete the resources

of developing nations.

Herr Strakm admits that the initiative. The government has mull over it and decide whether or not to incorporate it into legislation before it need be put to the people in the form of a referendum.

But he has helped to keep the issue of banking secrecy before the public eye since the scandal that surrounded the discovery in 1977 of the illegal misdirection of foreign investors' funds from the Cradit Suisse branch in Chiesso died down.

The debate has heped to dispel some of the myths about banking secrecy.

to open an anonymous account at a Swiss bank. The identity of the holder of a numbered account will be known to officials in the bank, although to fewer than in the case of a normal account.
Since the middle of 1977

Swiss banks have been obliged to follow a code of conduct worked out between the Swiss bankers' association and the national bank determining what sort of money a bank may accept and how banking secrecy should be handled. This code is designed to pre-

vent Switzerland becoming a haven of illegal capital and specifies that banks should make sure who they are dealing with and where their money Herr Straim admits that the comes from A special tribunal odds are stacked against his initiative. The government has francs for failing to adhere to

Even before the code was instruduced banks could be obliged to disclose certain types of information to federal and cantonal authorities. But inthe crucial area of tax evasion banks are called only to give details of their customers' activities only in cases of deliberate fraud. This usually means forging documents; forgerfulness does not count as

a crime.
The code restrains the banks from aiding their customers in evading capital courrols and tax legislation but it states clearly

that the Swis authorities, are not in busines to police other people's laws covering currency, fiscal or economic objectives.

The only small chink in this armour is an agreement with the United States affording assistance in tracking down the illicit fruits of "organized crime", grudgingly accepted by the Swiss banking world after the American administration threatened trade restrictions on imports of Swiss clocks and

Although banking secrety may still be too comprehensive for the taste of people like Herr Strahm, his campaign has helped to turn investors' attention to other banking centres that offer a greater degree of discretion.

Other countries have not been slow to step into the area being vacated by the Swiss Ironically, authorities. neighbouring Austria a Social Democrat administration pushed through legislation that enables anybody to open a bank account under a false name. The twentieth century

have given royalty a difficult time in Europe but the Austrian banking industry can reputedly boast numerous
"Queen Victorias", "Kaiscr
Wilhelms" and "Princess
Anastasias" among its clientele.

Peter Norman

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eel strike, entering its Dr Hamed El-Saych, Egypt's week today, is being minister of economy, is here this week to drum up custom and no doubt will be stressing what's being done to improve internal communications. As every schoolboy knows, the Suez canal links two halves of the world. However, by

forming a 150 km-long barrier at also effectively separates two touch with his bosses in Melbourne about mines BHP may have mines BHP may have should be linked to Singi on the east by a 2 kilometre turnel (right) being driven under the cond by British contractors Tarmac in a £60m joint venture

with a local company,
While British and French
bureaucrass have been stopgoing about the Channel Tunnel, the Wolverhampton-based civil engineering group has been burrowing away under the

The first car, on what will ound within their organ-to see what other es there are of interest the start amployees.

The first car, on what will eventually be a two-lare high-way; should go through the trained by the end of the year. Tarmac says that the tramel, I7 km north of Suez. is being driven through blue clay, similar to that encountered when the company worked on the Jubilee tube line in London.
Let's hope that those using

the Suez turnel are more peace-ful than some patrons of the

industry is cruising towards two cheerful bits of news. First, he is confident that the International Standards Organization, will accept as a naut barges.

Sir Frank Price, chairman of world standard a small control see a turbine at least a the British Waterways Board, tainer already being pushed third more efficient than the told me yesterday that he is confident our inland waterways



Jubilee line who went on the

about British canals.

Secondly, it looks as if secondly, it looks as if secondly, it looks as if secondly.

Brusse's will exempt British company aims to profrom some harmonization proposals on manning and hours appropriate only to Europe's

rampage at Neasden station last

capable of up to 70 miles a gallon could be developed for road vehicles using existing technology, or so says Noel Penny, the British engineer who produced Rover's world-beating Jet 1 car in 1950 and the 1965 Le Mans award winning Rover-Penny, now managing direc-

tor of Noel Penny Turbines, also told American motor industry engineers visiting his Coventry plant yesterday: "We have to get much nearer to 100 mpg using new types of fuel like those that can be derived from coal if we are to make a real impact on energy stability with progress in the settings.

The American team was led by George Thur, chief of trans-port programmes at the United States Department of Energy which has a £70m programme to develop gas rurbine engines for long-distance buses, trucks, military vehicles and cars. We, on the other hand, have

no official government-supported programme although government agencies like the National Gas Turbine Establishment and Harwell do cooperate with Penny. The Government would like

vide it. He has 200 world patents, and appropriate only to Europe's is engaged on six major re-non-tidal waterways and jugger- search and development con-

A small gas turbine engine . BMW, the West German company that makes those rather natty cars, has decided to cancel at the eleventh hour the reopening of the motor museum that is a big public artraction at BMW's Munich headquarters.
The official reason for the abrupt anticlimax after three months' work and expenditure

of nearly 2 million Deutsche marks was that some of the exhibits constituted a fire risk. Other unkinder souls have suggested otherwise. BMW gave DM100,000 and a free hand in designing the museum to Professor Wilfried Minks, of the Frankfurt Theatre who set about purting the various exhibits in historical

As BMW has been around for some time it was perhaps only to be expected that the settings should include the decadent night life of the Weimar Republic, the great crash of 1929, Hickor's rise to power, the Second World War and the war

in Viemam. But it was perhaps a little un-kind—or unwise—of Professor Mrak to exclude the car from his vision of the city of the future. BMW has ways of asking Professor Mink to go back to the drawing board.

It is from the pages of a British learned journal that I discover the latest challenge to Russian cultural hegemony. According to an advertisement in Brewers' Guardian vodka of "perfect flavour" may he obtained from China National Cereals. Oils & Foodstuffs Import & Export Corporation, Tsingtao, China.

Stock markets

Selective buying helps to halt the slide

yesterday, the market made some attempt at a rally and most sectors finished off the bottom following some selec- with Beechams, 1p harder at

Gilts continued to mark time shead o fthe Budget amid economic and interest-rate ifears. but were generally firmer for

Oils, which had begun the day on a flat note following the overnight setback on Wall St. soon recovered as one or two buyers entered the market. But, while prices were still mostly easier on the day, jobbers were in a fairly optimistic frame of mind on the hope that the recent slide in prices was now beginning to level out. However, fears that the Chancellor will introduce a "windfall ax ", or at least increase petroleum revenue tax, still exist. Golds also showed a general improvement yesterday, growing stronger along with ster-

ling as the day wore on. The bullion price also managed to rut the brake on its recent slide by improving \$2 to Desnite the continuing fears

over the economy following the latest gloomy survey by the Henley Group, equities re-mained fairly resilient. This was horne out by a renort of an attempted "sell off" by a inhier which did not work and the latest rise in United States me rates which bad little

after some good selective buying among the leaders, the FT Index recovered to close naly 1.5 off at 431.7, after being

6.5 lower at midday.
Guts appeared to be making some progress with rises of Fround 25p throughout the list. But the announcement by Chase Ianhattan and Chicago First National of an increase in prime rates to 19 per cent took off some of the glitter. In the end, longs reported gains of about 12 p on the day,

while in shorts rises were re-

After yet another dull start stricted to around £1.16. ICI up 2p at 362p, was one share to benefit from the entrance of selected buyers along

> Results due out tomorrow from textile machinery maker Stone-Platt may well show a pretax loss of around £1m for 1979 and there are fears in some quarters that the final dividend may be in danger. Borrowings are likely to have risen sharply and the shares—down from a 1979-80 "high" of 119 to 42 p— could go even weaker on the results despite solid asset-

117p. The latter was mainly on consideration of its United States interests which should benefit from the renewed strength in the dollar.

Others to close firm on the day after initial loses included Glaxo at 244p, after 242p, Unilever at 425p, Fisons at 274p, Dunlop at 59p and Pilkington at 211p, after 208p.

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Tomatin Dist (F) 15.1(12.9)
Waring & Gillow (I) 29.8(27.1)
Ward White (F) 77.0(69.0)
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trated their efforts more on the majors, which finished the ses-sion mostly off the bottom. BP closed all square at 346p, although Shell eased 6p to 352p

and Ultramar 4p to 480p.

The threat of a "windfall tax", or an increase r PRT, continued to weigh heavily on some of the second-liners, with Burmah 7p off at 187p, Tricentrol 6p lower at 258p and Lasmo 5p down at 423p. Siebens was another weak feature ahead of the latest drilling report from its operator, Marathon, with the former diving another 60p to

Active trading continued in Viking, where Mr Bunker Hunt has proposed terms of 450p share in opposition to Sun and Deminex, with the price sliding 35p, before recovering to close only 10p off on the day at 1040p. Others to lose ground included Aran Energy 8p lower at 342p and Premier Cons 4p softer at 51p. North Sea related shares

remained nervous, fuelled by reports that Occidental planued

Earnings

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5.8(4.8) 11.6(10.6) 1.5(1.1) Thomson 38p down to at 391p, Cawoods 9p to 151p, Imperial Continental Gas 2p to 698p and Associated Newspapers 1p to

Despite surprisingly good interim figures, Brooke Bond Leibig remained unchanged at 51p, while the 36 per cent increase in profits and £1.3m cash-call shareholders knocked Watmoughs 15p

Elsewhere, the profits stand-still at Waring & Gillow wiped 10p from the price at 109p as the pretax loss and passed divident did not help Stothert & Pitt, down 23p at 85p.
Other companies to receive the "thumbs-down" from the

the "thumbs-down" from the market after reporting included trong & Fisher, 6p to 66p, Fair-clough Construction, 1p to 66p, McLeery L'Aaime, 1p to 11p, Smith & Nephew, 11p to 751p,

and Tomatin, 7p to 186p.

Trade Indemnity rose 2p to
185p, but the full-year figures
from Waterford Glass came too late to affect the price which

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White. also reporting, went through the market yesterday valued at about £31m, which will go some towards paying or

Bid talk still buoys up Henry Wigfall and Son which fought Comet two years ago. With off Comet two years ago. With full-year profits expected to be around £1.4m against £1.85m. The shares at 245p, down 5p vesterday, are on a fully-taxed p/e ratio of 19. Currys are the latest likely candidate and can easily afford even the £12.7m where the area of the present share price tag at the present share

its latest acquisition. The shares eased 1p to 64p.

Further reflection on recent figures from BTR initially wiped 6p from the shares, but they later recovered to close 1p lower at 325p. But James Fisher, which also reported recently, continued to make ground, ris-ing another 3p to 321p. Hep-worth Ceramic, reporting later this week, slid 4p to 97p.

Channel Tunnel encountered profit-taking, ahead of the announcement on a cross-Channel link expected today, with the shares slipping 25p to 200p. Fears that the expected bid for Montague L. Meyer may not now materialise clipped 4p from the price at 108p, while news of a breakdown in talks between Gulf Fisheries and Mr Ferguson-Lacy hit Lourho, down

The general nervousness again spread to the discount houses, where Union Discount dipped 17p to 363p followed by Jessel Toynbee 3p lower at 54p and Clive Discount, 1p off at 43p. Equity turnover on March 17 was £79.353m (13,321 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Premier Cons, Shell, R.T.Z., BP, GEC, Tricentrol. Burmah, Consolidated Fields, Beecham and BTR.

Ward White buys US footwear group for £7m

bank loan facilities.

In a major expansionary move, British shoemaker Ward White has almost doubled its size by buying American safety footwear distributor Childs Corporation for £7m. Ward is currently capitalized at £8.9m. The cash comes from a near-£4m share placing in the market, which was carried out yesterday morning, and two \$4m

On the back of buoyant annual figures Ward's share price held steady despite the day only a penny lower at 64p.

The deal, which has taken some 18 months to finalize, ought to reise Ward's profits by around a third.

Outlining the logic of the takeover, Mr. Philip Birch,

Ward's deputy chairman and managing director, said that safety standards in the United States, were less demanding than those in Britain and Europe and thus offered more growth potential.

Childs is the \$2m liquid assets in the balance sheet which will be used to expand the business

In 1979 pretax profits at year. At 64p the shar Ward rose by a fifth from £4.8m to £5.8m on sales a tenth higher at £77,m. Pretax profits at Childs in the 12 months to January 31, 1980 amounted to \$4.4m, an increase of almost 40 per cent on the previous period. Turnover rose from \$37m to \$41.5m

In the year under review margins et Ward's footwear manufacturing division have profits.

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By Our Financial Staff

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Watmoughs to raise £1.3m by rights issue

Warmoughs (Holdings), the.

printer, publisher and engraver, is raising £1.3m through a onefor-four rights issue at 110p, This offers a 16p discount on the share price which stood at 126p

The money reised by the rights issue will be used to fund part of its two-year expenditure plans which commit the group to spending 54.2m in 1980 and to spending 14.2m in 1980 and 1980 in 1981 on new graving and web-offset equipment to provide additional capacity and expand the group's activities.

The directors said that while the developments are within the anticipated cash flow and bank facilities of the group, the pro-

ceeds will be used to reduce borrowings and save interest charges.

Pretax profits rose by 36 per cent from £1.1m to a new record of £1.5m on a 25 per cent increase on turnover from £10.4m to £13m in the year to December 31, 1979.

The depreciation rate on plant and machinery has been in-creased from 7.1 per cent to 10 per cent because of the increased sophistication of print-ing machinery.

The fines dividend has been proposed at 4.28p gross against 1978's 4.073p gross which was paid before lest year's one-forthree scrip issue. With the interim dividend of 1.85p gross, the total is 6:13p gross.

at the close of dealings yester-day, after falling 15p during the day. The announcement was accompanied by 'Watmough's full year results.

The board plans to recom-mend a total dividend of not

German banks repeat dividends

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Commerzbank and Bayerische Vereinsbank both announced plans for unchanged dividends yesterday.

Commerzbank, one of the

big three West German banks, said it was offering an un-changed 1979 dividend of DM 8.50 per DM50 nominal share.

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dent in West Germany would include a tax refund and total DM13.28

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Mr Ben Trinkier, managing director of Kuchne & Nagel Air Cargo takes over additional duties for the Swiss parent body, to promote group air cargo sales in East Africa, the Middle East, South Africa, Egypt and Rhodesia. Mr C. M. Amies, until recently a sonior manager with Strudged.

Mr James Milne is now manag-

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Mr Glen John is now director Hall Russell and Company.

business cycle in the United Kingdom published yesterday.

CYCLICAL INDICATORS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

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Sandoz bid is rejected

Harry K. Wells, chairman of assets, the interest of its share-McCormick and Company of holders, its relationship with its Maryland, said the company's employees, customers and comhoard unanimously voted to reject a previously reported offer from Sandoz of \$37 a share as "not being in the best

Wells said the board, in an almost six-hour meeting, reviewed all aspects of the Saudoz serious concerns as to the proposal in the light of the legality of any such combina-

company's earnings prospects, tion " under anti-trust laws". Douwe in over-counter list

New members for British

Overseas Trade Board

Douwe Egberts of Amster- "B" shares of Fl10 nominal on dam has announced that it will March 25. offer about 1.3 per cent of its The so-called "B" shares outstanding share capital for total 350,000. A total of 650,000 listing on Amsterdam's overthe-counter market.

The listing may be a prelude ra quotation on the Amsterdam solidated Foods Corporation.
Stock Exchange although a forDouwe Egberts markets to mal decision on that subject coffee and tobacco and has inbas not been taken, a spokesman

Said. 43 per cent of its turnover of Douwe Egberts will offer FIZ.1bn in 1978-79 was derived 12.766 certificates of its so-called from non-Dutch activities.

Business appointments

Mr Guy Huntrods, an executive director of Lloyds Bank International: Mr Henry James, public relations adviser to the main heard of Vickers; Mr J. R. Mayhew-Sanders, chairman and chief executive, John Brown & Company; Mr David Plastow, arrup managing director, Rolls Sovte Motors; and Dr N. Brian Smith. a main board director of ICI, are new members of the Friish Overseas Trade Board.

Mr Ian Findlay is to succeed Mr Trancis Perkins as chairman of the British Insurance Brokers' Association in the autumn, in a non-creature for conserving Mr Reserving Company.

Association in the autumn, in a non-executive Capacity. Mr Perkins's executive role will be taken up by the appointment of Mr Michael Morris as director general. Mr C. G. Crawford bas been appointed a director of Barton and Sons.

and Sons.

Mr John Fieldhouse, managing director of Titan Leisure Group, has been made chairman of Belstaff International. Mr Bryan Morrall, group managing director, has relinquished the chairmanship of Belstaff International but remains chairman of Titan Leisure

remains chairman of Titan Leisure Group. Mr Michael Dodson is

now managing director of Belstaff International.

Mr John Scott has become

director of Neil & Spencer

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on parent company earnings of DM173m, up from DM159m in

In Munich, Bayerische Vereinsbank said it plans a 1979 dividend of DM9 on ordinary shares and Dm10.50 for its nonvoting preference shares. Reserves would be increased

A spokesman said that the For 1978, Commerzbank de- by DM20m, as they were the payout for shareholders resi- clared the 8.50 mark dividend previous year, the bank added-

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1,428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net, a Loss. b 9 months. c Premiums written, d Adjusted for scrip issue,

Lepetit profit drops

Lepetir Spa of Milan, the Italian pharmaceutical company controlled by Dow Chemical of the United States, has shown a het profit of 17.68bn lire from 1979, down from 22.26bo

He said that upon advice of investment bankers the board lire in the previous year.

The board decided that disshare as "not being in the best concluded the offer was ininterests of McCormick and its adequate and untimely relative tribution of an unchanged to the company's prospects."

dividend of 920 like for each ordinary share and 1,000 lire The board was also advised for each preferred share. 6.3 per cent, to 146.5bn lire in 1979. Exports accounted for 67bn lire, up 7.6 per cent from

Matra earnings rise

Engine Matra SA of France, makers of sophisticated civil and military electronics and aerospace equipment, says that its provisional 1979 accounts show a net profit of Fr180m (about £18.4m), up from Fr150.9m in 1978.

The group's 1979 net income (excluding minority interests) estimated at Fr215m against is estimated at Fr215m against Fr155.2m a year before, an in-crease of 38.5 per cent.

Options

The traded options market

was more active yesterday with the total number of contracts rising from 369 to 597. The options in Courtaulds which

traded 24 contracts currently look cheap and arractive with

the share price at 69p

But dealers in traditional

options believe that the boom in the oils sector may now be

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Padang Senang Rubber: Pre-tax profit for 1979, £150,000 (£143,000). Total dividend up from 2.33p to 2.85p gross and one-for-one scrip issue proposed.

Proposed.

London Scottish Finance Corp:

Pre-tax profit, £350,600 for 26

weeks to January 30 (compared

with £375,465 for 27 weeks last

year). Turnover rose from £2.51m

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to £3.22m. Profitability same last tained at about same level as last year, despite rise in MLR. Interim dividend raised from 0.65p (adjusted) to 0.75p gross.

George Spencer: Turnover for 1979, £13.18m (£13.09m). Pretax profit, 5329,000 (£455,000). Total payment, gross, 4.37p (3.97p). S.S.A.P.15 adepted; comparisons

adiusted Yearling Bonds: Coupon on this week's batch of local authority bonds raised to 17 per cent, compared with 16½ per cent last week. Herrfordshira County Council is raising firm.

Richard Clay: Turnover for 1979 tax profits, £2m (£1.9m), Dividend, 5p (4.28p) gross.

Sp 14.28p) gross.
Strong & Fisher (Holdings): Turnover for half-year to December 29 expanded from £16.36m to £22.37m. but pre-tax profits down from £768.200 to £659.600. Interim dividend, 2.97p (3.1p) gross. Waterford Glass: Turnover (Irish currency) for 1979 up from \$166.72m to £135.47m. Pre-tax profits, £11.63m (£10.6m). Total

net payment raised from the equivalent of 1.2p to 1.5ip. Group is continuing to trade "vary satisfactorily" so far in 1980. George Ingham: Turnover for 1979 up from £1.49m to £2.27m. Pre-tax profit, £19,000 (against loss of £8,000). Total dividend,

Santchi & Seatchi Co : At the annual meeting, Mr Kenneth annual meeting, Mr Actions Gill. chairman, reported that man-agement figures indicate the com-pany is again performing well. The board expects another year of "good progress".

Mergers cleared: The proposed mergers between Hawker Siddeley Group and Fasco Industries Inc. between Bendix Corporation and certain assets of Bendix Westingbouse and between Associated Engineering and Societe Industrielle des Coussinets are not to be referred to the Monopoliss

Commission.

Societe Francaise des Petroles BP, a unit of British Petroleum, recorded a net profit of 382m francs for 1979—its first in five years—compared with a loss of 164m francs in 1978. The company will pay a net dividend of 3 francs on "old" shares and 2.44 francs on "new" shares. It will be the first dividend since 1973 when the company paid 3 francs per share,—AP-Dow Jones, Paris.

Comben soars to £5m before tax

A first-time contribution from the first six months of the region of £1.75m to the 1979 arms Developments, coupled to current year, chairman Mr N. L. figure. Tricentrol will report Orme Developments, coupled to a change in the year-end, saw pretax profits at house-builders Comben Group soar from a nine-month total of £1.5m to £5m for the year to December 31, 1979. Turnover in the period more than doubled £21.3m to £51m. Although comparisons are

difficult, group chairman, Mr Leon Roydon, admits that volume and profits did rise in the period. Comben completed some 2,000 units in the United Kingdom and is likely to equal that total in the current period. Overseas, the Paris develop-

ment is continuing to contribute to earnings, while the Algarve site shows signs of coming right Tomatin pays more

on lower profit Turnover of Tomatin Distillers went ahead from £12.91m pretax profit from £875,000 to £840,000 in the year to December 31, 1979. Earnings per 25p share are shown to have slipped from 14.07p to 13.46p, while the total gross dividend is being raised from A.83p to 5.35p.

" Current high levels of interest rates are a deterrent to our potential customers for new whisky and if these persist may result in a further decline in profits in 1980," the board warns. Direct exports increased by 51 per cent to £1.23m in 1979.

Lawtex higher despite heavier interest

In the half-year to December 29, turnover of Lawtex rose by 29.5 per cent to £8.57m. Pretax profits were up from £157,000 to £271,000, after heavier interest of £177,000, against £114,000. But the board believes that the second-half's results will not show a similar improvement. Lawtex, Manchester-based makers of clothing, umbrellas, etc, is lifting the interim dividend from 2.35p

SGB looks for

interim rise

to 2.67p gross,

international construction plant and services concern, would show "useful improvement" in

Profits of SGB Group, the

because of the steel strike. However, he hoped the group would be able to maintain its profits in the second half, giving it a year of some improvement, "but possibly not to the extent we have enjoyed over the past three years" Back to dividends

Clifford-Jones, told the annual

meeting. He was less confident

at W. Goodkind Fur manufacturers and distrib.

butors, W. Goodkind and Sons, which made a big rights issue last year, reports a pretax profit of £22,000 for 1979, compared with 1978's loss of £3.000. An interim dividend of 0.07p°. gross is being paid; the lest ordinary dividend was for 1973. Contracted £524,000 to £422,000.

As a result of the issue of 1.2m ordinary shares at a premium last year, group net assets jumped from £47.000 to £319,000 at the end of 1979. A further 953,000 ordinaries were issued at a premium earlier this

Receiver for Malins (Engineers)

A Receiver has been appointed at Malins (Engineers), the Staffordshire-based model steam-engines firm. Established 50 years ago, the company employs around 120 people. A statement said that it was the Receiver's intention that the company should continue to trade for the time bein rand he would try to sell the business as

a going concern. "Demand is good and the products are the only models of their kind made in Britain," the statement said,

Tricentrol car group

£2m development plan Tricentrol car group is spending 52m on development projects at Leeds, Great Yar-mouth, Chelmsford and Hert-

motive division of Tricentrol, it contributed more than twothirds of the 1978 automotive profit of £2.2m. The car group is expected to contribute in the

permission has been granted for a £1.5m project at Leeds for new premises for the Tricentrol Ford main dealership there. Turnover of the car group is running at an annual rate of some £70m.

Electrical & Indust **Investment Co**

Pretax income of the Electrical and Industrial Investment Co. (a member of the B.E.T. Group) rose from £771,000 to £1.05m in 1979. Earnings per £1 deferred ordinary share are up from 554p to 791p, while the net asset value treached £115.17 at the year-end, c mpared with £106.92 a year cartier. The total distribution on the deferred stock is being lifted from 47

London & Northern property purchase

to 685p.

Coopers Marshgate (Holdings) and Coopers (Metals) are to buy the freeholds of the principal properties occupied by them and Coopers (Swindon). The buildings are held under lease from Messrs J. Cooper and R. Cooper. The properties are to be acquired for a total of £1.4m, subject to shareholders' approval as both Mr. Coopers (the vendors) are directors of London and Northern Group.

The consideration is in accordance with independent valuations; Metals and Swindon are fully owned by Coopers in which United Scrap, a wholly owned offshoot of London and Northern, has a 75 per cent

Chairman calls for total 'freeze'

Inflation is an even worse evil than the present lack of productive investment, says Mr D. F. McCurrach, the retiring chairman of the Alliance Trust in the company's annual report.

He says that a total "freeze
on everything" is needed to curb the inflationary cycle. If this were coupled with a re-vival of personal savings solid grounds for further advances will have been laid.

Moreover, room for bigger dividend will a tainly be available; in the past year abso. £1.76m from net profit

tion ordering.

Sales driv by Trade

By Philip Robinson Trade Indemnity, t lasurance group which booms in bust condit been showing its f Great Uncovered in rooms around the co drum up more busine "It is never a good sell credit insurance company secretary, iv Kent. When things ro need and when the looms, few can afford i are trying to get over panies that every othe their assets are insure for 40 per cent of asset

The sales drive, which refers
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rise 10 per cent to 521 group's pro-tax profits, yesterday, rose from £4.7m. The figure includes on the three-year unde

account started in £3.03m against £2.4m l Trade Indemnity Is t gross final dividend on capital, enlarged v year's one-for-one scr giving an effective 60 increased total of 10.85

bottoming out as with the number of calls being produced in those stocks, including Burmah and Lonbro. Doubles were completed in Premier, Town and City and Coral. a senior manager with Standard Telephones & Cables is to be electronics industry adviser to the Midland Bank. Mr Peter Sample has joined the Tecalemit Group as managing director of their electronics activity director of their electronics activity. Mr Brian Willott, an Under Secretary with the Department of Industry, has been made secretary to the National Enterprise Board, He succeeds Mr John Caines, who is to return to the Department of Trade Film financing

unchanged.

Lights ... action ... roll 'em. The City's financial institutions are about to renew their love affair with the glamorous but high-risk film business. ment of Trade.

Mr Studley G. Grinstead is to become deputy chairman and group managing director of Grand Mctropolitan. Mr Ernest H. Sharp, Whether it will be a mild flirtation or a committed relationship will be known in about a fortnight when the latest film production company with a joint managing director, is to resign.

Mr Alastair A. Dunn has joined its eye on City support holds out the cap for £8m. the board of Wight Holdings.

Mr Georg Steermer is the new director of finance of Norsk

Asking for the cash will be Yellow-bill Finance, the money-raising arm of a new company, Yellowbill Productions, run by former investment manager Mr Adrian Scrope and film producer Mr Kent Walsein.

It will finance a British picture, Biggles, which is hoped to star Dudley Moore fresh from his American suc-

cess in the film 10. Luring the investment trusts, merchant bankers and industrial com-panies back to the bright lights is the consideration that backing a loser can now be offset against tax and reduces what had been a gamble to a

Last August, in response to requests for tax clarification on film financing, the Inland Kvenue issued a statement of practice saying that the ownership of the master negative of a film can be treated as plant and machinery and qualify for 100 per cent capital allowance, which includes the cost of production, develop-

Biggles meets the men from the City groups would have to bear all the



Mr Adrian Scrope of Yellowbill

Before that time, tex was taken only from revenue and backing an unsuccessful film meant investment

losses themselves. What is tantalizing the City is the return on investment of successful

movies, which can be 200 or 300 per

cent. And that is helping to push to the hack of the City's plind the huge sums lost in the 1960s when the approach to film investment was much more casual. It hurts to recollect those day, but according to some stories one mer-chant bank lost between £8m and film because its control over the financing was not as tight as would be demanded today. Another tells of how a man raised cashto back Lawrence of Arabia-it was dis-covered only later that he didn't even own the film rights.

That experience scared the traditional conservative City away from the film industry for nearly a decade. But in the last two or three years some more enterprising concerns have been tempted in again. About £15m to £20m is thought to have been put up by the City during that time by various bankers and investment

But although there are many ready . to invest, the system of film financ of those who are willing to put money ing is very much on an ad hoc basis. up front. Among investment trusts

Much is still carried out on the quality of a given script and with the dark days of ten years ago very much in mind, forward selling of distribution rights has been a prerequisite before money changes

hands.
It is a question of presenting the package in a way the City will understand it." he says.

In Canada, a similar tax clarifica-tion changed that country's film finacing methods. This year its financial institutions are expected to come up with more than C\$200m. At home, merchant bankers Guinness Mahon started investing directly or arranging finance for films three years ago. Although coy about how much they are putting up, they say last year the yarranged or put cash into eight to ten films with total budgets of £25m. Two big successes have been The Wild Geese and The Sea Wolves. Up to now, says the bank, all its involvement has been

successful. "We haven't lost any money yet."

Even so film backing is a very fragmented business and it is difficult to establish a comprehensive list

Colonial which was involve consortium backing Plague B has expressed an interest in bill's Biggles.

"There are certainly mo a handful of people willing films," said Mr Scrope. "I car you my mailing list but it is e and no one I have talked to has said outright that they want to know." Want to know."

It is acknowledged that a "...... point in the City's attitude successful Watership Down

for that was put together by G'.
Films—owned by publishers
Longman and Electra House ments-and run by Canadian ? Eberts. He started the group five ago and finances the script and film package before going City, and raised £1.2m for We

Donon. In all the group has about fom from City sour.
Mr Eberts, who also found:
York's International Film In company, which has \$40m at says: "It has taken a long ! get to this stage. I think the put up money because we has successful in making profits ou and were involved in putting into Watership Down." Philip Robi

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Wall Street

New York, March 18.—The stock market turned mixed in active trading this morning after a weak opening. Popular averages rose but declines led advances seven to five.

Many of the issues hard hit in resterday's sell-off showed good gains this morning, including the oils and preclous metals. Among the actives. Galf Oil rose i to 332, Mobil 11 to 704 and Texaco i to 332.

Asa Ltd added 2 to 402, Dome Mines 11 to 56, Hecla Mining 1 to 254 and Handy and Harman i to 331. Bank America tacked on i to 211.

March 17: The Dow Jones Indus-

March 17: The Dow Jones Indus-trial average closed 23.04 points down at 788.65.

Silver dips below \$20 New York March 17 — COMEX SILVER futures dropped below the benchmark price of \$20,00 an ounce for the larst lime this year in a dramatic response m Prosident Carter a anti-inflation thoseures, March, 170,00-178,00c, April, 236,20c; May, 290,60c; July, 297,50c; Sopa, 304,70c; Dec. 111,70c; Jan, 315,40c; March, 291,80c May 20, 242,20c; July, 231,60c;

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Monday's close. Exter publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Sastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

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was at \$277.90 (\$510) a

Commodities

Discount market

Although the right money conditions persisted yesterday houses were able to pick up funds reasonably cheaply because of the reserve assets position with the approach of the "right Wednesday." make-up day for the benks. While overnight money interbank commanded around 17 per cent for much of the session, houses paid in the region of 151-1 per cent generally.

in the region of 151-1 per cent generally.

Towards the finish, houses even attracted funds as low as 15 per cent, although most balances were taken in a band of 151-16 per cent. This was after the Bank of England had assisted on a moderate scale. A small amount of Treasury bills was bought from both houses and the banks, wifile a small quantity of corporation bills was purchased direct from the houses. In addition, the authorities lent a moderate sum overnight to three or four houses at 17 per cent Mi.R.

Balances were slightly below target overnight and there was a moderate number of local authority bills maturing in official hands.

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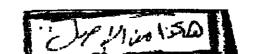
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occasionally one appears in originally part of the Chester the market of more modest Beatty estate, and has been proportions. A good example improved and modernized in given by Grove Cottage, in Hasketon Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk

This, in fact, is a pair of adjoining cottages built mainly of colour-weshed brick with slate and pantiled roofs. The main cottages has two reception rooms, a good cellar, a study or fourth bedroom, a large kitchen and a cloakroom on the ground floor, with three bedrooms

be said for a main a sitting room, kitchen, and d into use when property runs to about one nown generally as fifth of an acre and is for flats", this extra sale at £56,000 through the ation goes beyond James Abbott Partnership,

Woodbridge, A good deal of extra rm guests or, if The Mount, in Ram Lane, re at a low level, Hothfield, near Ashford, and haliday lers. Kent, although at a price of

recent years.

In the main part of the house there are two reception rooms, three bedrooms and a separate suite consisting of a bed sitting room and its own shower room. Additionally, there is a cottage annexe with a sitting room, double bedroom, bathroom and kitchen,

The interior of the house has retained many of its period features including exposed beams and ingle-nook fireplaces. Outbuildings h either a self-con-two bedrooms and a bath- include stabling and there cion or an adjacent room on the first floor, giv. are four paddocks totalling cottage which can ing completely self-contained about 10; acres, plus an acre accommodation. The whole of gardens. The agents are of gardens. The agents are Ashendens, Ashford.

Higher up the price scale at £120,000 is Oxleaze Farm, Woolstone, near Faringdon, Oxfordshire. Here, construcmay be useful for accommodation comes with dered, under a stone and tion is of brick, part rentiled roof. The back of the house is believed to date from the sixteenth century over £95,000 it is a much and the front from the e comes only with Believed to date from the includes two main reception of some size, but seventeenth century, it was rooms, another ground floor



Boyden Paddock, near Newmarket, a lot of space from three

room used as a nursery, common in the market, but seven bedrooms and three often do not offer really ex-

large sitting room and three dock, at Wickhambrook, near bedrooms. Outbuildings are extensive and include a double garage and storage sheds. The garden extends to about one acre and has a heated swimming pool. The agents are Lane Fox and Partners.

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tensive accommodation. An The cottage, to the north interesting variation on the east of the house, has a usual theme is Boyden Pad-Newmarket, which seems originally to have been three cottages.

The property probably has early seventeenth century origins and is a fine example of its type, built on a timber framework with stud and Old period cottages con-plaster walls under a verted from a pair of agri-thatched roof. It has a grade dwellings are two listing as being of

special architectural historic interest.

The three cottages have ogether produced a surprisingly spacious house with four reception rooms, five bedrooms and two bath- floor, it was converted some rooms. Gardens and grounds eight or nine years ago from include an orchard and a stabling. Much of its conpaddock and extend to about 13 acres. The price is £65,000 and the agents are Jackson-

An example of one of those pleasant country houses with ancillary accommodation and ceiling, a study, a guest bedouthouses clustered round a room and bathroom suite and courtyard is Upper Farm, at two other bedrooms. Little Posbrooke, near Titchtimber frame construction with a thatched roof.

rooms. Among the buildings with a changing room. around the courtyard is a large studio or playroom. In with stabling and in all the is a fine Jacobean carved all, there is about one acre property extends to some of land. For private sale or auction later in the year, the property is expected to make £90,000 between and £100,000. The agents are Hoar. Whiteheads, Southampton.

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Upstairs, there is the field, Hampshire. The main main bedroom and bathroom house is believed to date for suite and a further bedroom. the most part from the late Outside, there is a large 1500s and is of brick and double garage with a playroom or studio above it, and a feature of the garden is a It has three reception large heated swimming pool rooms, a study and four bed surrounded by paving and

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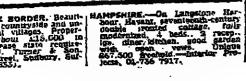
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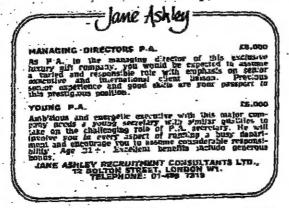
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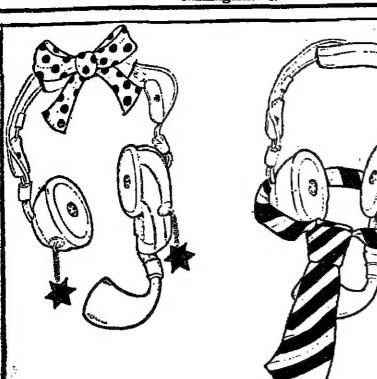
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Cunningham sees red.
2.00 After Noon Plus: A phone-in his sex, to regard him as a girl and bring him up gly. Ten years later, sex researchers reported that, gically at least, the male child had become a female. You may think, that Charlie Nairn's film about something ular, The Peking Ballet Company, should be called hich ought to be about something in general (ITV, is not at all odd, because this documentary sees ballet meter of the nation's changing political climate, liberation fervour of Maoism 30 years ago and the anti-revisionism of the Cultural Revolution and the Four (many dancers were sent to labour in the fields or Cunningham sees red.

2.00 After Noen Plus: A phone-in with the Ombudsman, Mr Cacil Clothier. Also, songs from David Soul (formerly Hutch in the TV series Starsky and Hutch).

2.45 The Outsiders: Australian outdoor adventures, starting Andrew Keir. Today: a political intrigue. anti-revisionism of the Curtural Revolution and the Four (many dancers were sent to labour in the fields or ang) to the more liberal policies of today which wan Lake and like ballets to be danced for the first

got his two-volume autobiography out of his system, got his two-volume autobiography out of his system, arde has written a novel, which probably explains as a guest on both the Parkinson show tonight (BBC 1, id in Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.02). Viewers who yed by the exquisite Songs of the Auvergne, sung by ican mergo-soprano Frederika von Stade in a recent BBC ie, may like to hear another soprano, Fiona Dobie, i in today's concert by the BBC Scottish Symphony (Radio 3, 11.20 am). ı (Radio 3, 11.20 am).

Keir. Today: a pelitical intrigue.

3.45 Hobson's Choice: The Derek
Hobson chat show. Last of the
series. 4.15 The Sooty Show: The
well-loved puppers, with Mr Crisco, the magician, as their guest.

4.45 Shadows: Repeat showing of
the creepy story for children,
Honeyrann, by Fay Weldon. 5.15
The Brady Bonich: American
small-town series about a family.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News.

6.25 Help! Part 2 of the story of HE SYMBOLS MEAN: |STEREO; *BLACK AND WHITE;

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by Elizabeth and Gerald Rose; 4.20

5.55 Nationwide: The exorte life in the waters off Britain's coastline, from the Isle of Man to the Eddys-

tone Reef. 6.55 Film: Maneaters are Loose l

Made-for-television thriller about an American town

terrorised by two hungry Bengal tigers. With Tom Skerrit and Steve

Forrest, 8.36 Potter: An unhappy day for Rodney Potter (David Troughton), a pop group promoter, when his father (Arthur Lowe) and friends

BBC 1 6.40 am Open University: Educating the workforce; 7.05 Baroque wind instruments; 7.30 Maths.

by Elizabeth and Gerald Rose; 4.20
The Backyard, Caught in the Act;
4.25 Jacksnory, Paul Copley reads
Gillian Cross's The Runaways; 4.40
Take Hart, Tony Hart's foil elephant: 5.00 Newsround, with Paul
McDowell; 5.10 God's Wonderful
Railway, serial about the old
GWR.
5.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall.
5.55 Nationwide: The exotic life in complex functions. Closedown at 7.55. 9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Engineering craft studies: 9.35 Exploring Science (soil); 9.58 Let's Go (for mentally handicapped); 10.12 Words and Pictures; 11.02 Science all Around (rain). 11.25 you and Me; a e i o u. 11.40 Behools and Colelges; History (Pax Romana); 12.05 pm Language and People, part 10 (r). Closedown at

12.45 News and weather. 12.45 News and weather.

1.00 Pebble Mill. at One: More Indian dishes, prepared by Lalita Ahmed. 1.45 Playboard.

2.01 Schools. Colleges: Watch—Dinosaurs (2); Z.18 Near and Far (the Alps); 2.40 Commanicate! (a short story). Closedowa at 3.00.

3.55 Play School: The Great Oak,

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: Systems, boundaries and biases: 7.05 Woodland decomposers; 7.30 Movement of substances in plants. Closedown 10.20 Gharbar: For Asian women.

Everything from music to sewing and cookery hints. Closedown at 11.00 Play School: Same as BBC1, 11.00 Play School: Same as BBC1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 4.50 Open University: Genetics: Meiosis; 5.15 The Nature of chemistry: 5.40 Classical Greece (the theatre); 6.05 Concorde case study (3): 6.30 Looking at poems. 6.55 The Master Game: The tenth game in this BBC rournament. It is between Viktor Korchnoi and Eritain's Michael Stean.

12.00 Adventures of Rupert Bear :

THAMES

Chicago millionaire (see Personal Choice).

8.25 Arena: Working at It. A profile of Alan Blesdale, the Liverpool playwright whose television output includes The Black Stuff and Scully's New Year's Eve.

9.00 Therese Raquin: Episode 2 of Philip Mackie's adaptation of Zola's passinoate story about murder and conscience. With Kate Nelligan and Brian Cox as the

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England: 6.56 pm Regional Magazines.
12.00 midnight Close. pay a call. 9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendall. 9.25 Open Secret: The First Ques-tion. The extraordinary story of a 7.25 News: with sub-ritles for the hard of hearing.
7.35 Cartoon: Osvaldo Cavandoli's animated short La Linea.
7.40 The Silicon Factor: First of three programmes about the micro-electronic revolution, presented by Bernard Falk. The chips are seen in action in everything from a toy car to the home of a Chicago millionaire (see Personal Choice).

murderers and Mona Washbourne as the unsuspecting mother (see Personal Choice). murderers and Mona Washbourne as the unsuspecting mother (see Personal Choice).

9.55 I Hear You Calling Me: The songs that the Irish tenor John McCormack made famous—or, the songs that made him famous. Sung by the American tenor Robert White. His guests, both with McCormack links, are the violinist Schlomo Mintz and the soprano Suzanne Murphy.

10.45 Newsuight: News and current affairs, with a bulletin at 11.15 approximately.

11.30 Open Door; The Rydevale Community Nursery, and how it lightens the load of so many young, working mothers.

12.00 Closedown: Susanne Knowles's The Geologist is read by Rosalind Shanks.

twin boy who was sexually reas-signed to become a girl. Peter Williams is the reporter.

williams is the reporter.

9.55 Sportsnight: Highlights from one of tonight's vital football games in the European cup. It could be Nortingham Forest v Dynamo Berlin, Celtic v Real Madrid, or Arsenal v Gothenburg in the Cup Winners' Cup.

10.55 Parkinson: with Dirk Bogarde, definitely, and Diana Rigg and Barbara Woodhouse as near-certainties (see Personal

11.55 News headlines and weather.

Regions

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

11.00 News. 11.05 Baker's Dozen.

Lonely. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 My Music.†

7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

9.30 Kaleidoscope

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6.59 Today.
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Mid-Week.

10.00 News. 10.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Once Upon an Ice Age (3).

12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Plays: Top Tomato ; Only the

3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: Golden Wedding, by
John Parker.†
4.00 Choral Evensong.†
4.45 Story: While He's Away.
5.00 PM.

7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 Robert Atkins (1886-1972):

10.00 The World Tonight. 10.30 The Life and Times of the

.50 am Regional news, weather.

7.50 Regional news, weather. 9.05-10.30 Schools: History in Evi-

Nature. 5.50 Regional news, weather.

Orchestro (6).† 11.00 A Book at Bedtime. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

the Setback family, and how they

learn about their rights in society and at work: today, coping with redundancy. 6.35 Crossroads: Why Jill Harvey is upset.
7.00 This is Your Life: Eamonn Andrews strikes again, in the nicest possible way. 7.30 Coronation Street: Big night out for Annie Walker; and Dan the lorry driver gets some advice about lovely.

8.00 The Lee Sayer Show: The pop star with his guests, the American singer and songwriter Janis Ian, the Hot Gossip Danters, and mime

9.00 ITV Playhouse: The Lady.
Susan Jameson, Kim Braden and
Brigitte Kahn in Judy Raines's
emotional play about women at a
London abortion clinic.
10.00 News.

10.00 News.
10.30 China: Ostensibly the story of the Peking Ballet Company but, more significantly, this documentary describes the dramatically changing fortunes of China itself in the past 30 years (see Personal Choice).

Choice).

11.30 Thames Arts: Arts round-up, concentrating tonight on the plight of London's theatres.

11.45 Spooner's Patch: Police station comedy with Ronald Fraser. What happens when the mayor goes on holiday.

12.15 am Close: Leslie Crowther reads from one of John Donne's sermons. mentary China (ITV, 10.30) reads from sermons.

RADIO

11.00 Study on 4: Sur le vif(19). 11.30-12.10 pm Open University: Cognitive Psychology; Control of Education. Radio 3

6.55 am (mw only) Weather.

7.05 Records: Wagner, Maxwell Davies, Smetana.† 7.00 News. 8.05 Records: Mendelssohn, Beeth-oven (op 30 no 3-Kreisler/Rach-maninov), Parish-Alvars-† 8.00 News. 9.00 News.

9.05 Week's Composer: Holst. 10.00 Organ: Liszt+ 10.30 Quartet (Endellion): Beethoven (op 18 no 4), Hoddinott, 11.20 BBC Scottish SO/Rattle, pt 1 : Blake, Canteloube.

12.05 pm Interval reading. 12.10 BBC SSO, pr 2: Sibelius (Sym 2). 1.00 News. 1.05 Violin, piano (live from

Broadcasting House): Ravel, Faure, Milhaud, Debussy, Ravel.† 2.00 Music Weekly.† 2.50 BBCSO/N. Cleobury: Patterson (Requiem).† 3.45 Plano: Haydn, Prokofiev.† 4.20 Aspect of the Blues (6). 4.55 News: . 5.00 (mw and mone only from

6.20 Music for early evening.† 7.00 Talk (Warrack): Weber, father of Romanticism. 8.00 Academy of St Martin/Mar-riner (live from Festival Hall), pt 1: Britten, Mozart (Sym 38).† 8.50 Six Continents; world news. 9.10 Academy, pr 2: Vaughan Williams, Beethoven (Sym 2).† 10.10 Scientifically Speaking. 10.55 Quartet (Orlando): Dvorak, Beethoven (op 59 no 3).+ 11.55-12.00 News. 9.05-10.30 Schools: History in Evidence; Advanced Studies—English; Poetry Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think About.
10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music Box; By the People, For the People; Inquiry: Quest.
2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Movement and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature

6.00 am-7.00 Open University: The Growth of Public Expenditure; Ferro-Concrete; Modern European 6.20 pm-7.00 Open University: Butty Langley; the Roots of Change.

Radio 2

Radio Z
5.00 am News. weather. 5.03 Ray
Moore.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03
Jimmy Young.† 12.03 pm David
Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03
Much More Music.† 5.00 News.
5.05 Waggoners' Walk, 5.20 Much
More Music.† 6.03 Derek Hobson.†
7.02 European Soccer Special. 9.00
Alan Dell. 9.15 The Magic of the
Musicals.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02
News Huddlines. 10.30 David
Jason. 11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02
am-5.00 You and the Night and the
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Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 6.00 Dave Lee Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31 Poul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy Peebles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 7.00 Mailbag. 8.00 Mike Read. 9.50 Newsbeat. 10.00 John Peel. 12.00. Newsbeat. 10.00 John Feet. 1 25.00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 7.02 pm Derek Hobson. 1 8.02 Listen to the Band. 1 8.45 Alan Dell. 9.15 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 Mith Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 Mith Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 Mith Radio

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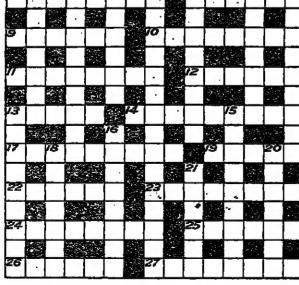
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16 So captivate audience on stage appearance (8).

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